

Rostec launches manufacturing of 125mm Mango APFSDS rounds in India

ROSOBORONEXPORT JSC (part of Rostec State Corporation) has established manufacturing of 3VBM17 Mango armor-piercing fin-stabilized discarding-sabot (APFSDS) rounds in India. The ammunition is designed to defeat armored vehicles fitted with composite armor. The project is being implemented under the Make in India program. The 125mm Mango round is designed to be fired from the guns of T-72 and T-90 MBTs. Various versions of these combat vehicles are in service with the Indian Army. "Rostec has extensive experience in industrial partnership with friendly countries. Many projects include technology transfer and exchange of competencies. Such a partnership allows the importing country to develop its production capacity – this is a competitive edge of Rostec as a leading supplier of defence solutions. We have implemented several such projects in partnership with India. These include licensed production of T-90 tanks, Mango APFSDS projectiles and other weapon systems. To achieve the highest degree of localization of the production of Mango projectiles it is planned to launch manufacturing of powders on the territory of India," - said Sergey Chemezov, General Director of Rostec. The Mango rounds include the 3BM42 APFSDS projectile capable of engaging modern tanks fitted with composite armor. "Another important stage of Russian-Indian cooperation that complies with the requirements of Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan (Self-Reliant India) programs has been completed. On the premises of the Indian defence holding, ROSOBORONEXPORT has prepared key manufacturing facilities for production of Mango tank rounds. This enables the Indian side to start mastering the technology transferred to it and launch manufacturing," - said Alexander Mikheev, General Director of the special export company. "ROSOBORONEXPORT's activity in India is a vivid example of a comprehensive industrial partnership within which joint projects for all services of the armed forces have been implemented, with a degree of cooperation between the enterprises of the two countries that is unique in the world market".

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