



## DRDO, MKU sign agreement for ballistic protection technology

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NEW DELHI, Oct 26: DMSRDE (DRDO) one of the premier laboratories of NS&M cluster has successfully designed and developed Bullet Proof Jackets as per GSQR 1438. After the successful ballistic trials, a ToT (Transfer of Technology) Agreement was signed with MKU Ltd. at a ceremony at DRDO Bhavan. The Chairman DRDO and Secretary DDR&D DR. S. Christopher was the Chief Guest and also handed over the ToT documents to MKU Ltd.

MKU is a committed defense manufacturing company, focused on development of ballistic protection and Electro-optics for soldiers and Platforms. MKU is committed to Make in India and towards this end is always on the lookout to bring the best manufacturing technologies into the country.

Dr. Christopher, Chairman DRDO stated that he felt confident that the technology was being given to good hands and MKU would ensure that not only the product quality is maintained over the years but also improvements are made on the product.

He also mentioned that DRDO would support MKU in this process for product improvement by offering their facilities for testing and validation where required. He was hopeful that this association would grow and MKU would become associated with other DRDO labs also.

Speaking on the occasion, MKU Chairman, Mr. Neeraj Gupta stated, "Our association with DRDO dates back to 2001, when we signed the first production agreement for body armour. The agreement was for the period 2001-2008 during which we manufactured and supplied BPJs to the Indian Paramilitary and Police forces through TBRL/ DRDO. We signed a TOT for Cool Vest with Defence Lab Jodhpur in 2016. Today we are receiving the TOT for Bullet Proof Jackets developed by DMSRDE/ DRDO. This is another step forward in this long relationship."

He added, "MKU would like to combine DRDO technology with its own experience and knowledge to develop products suitable for our defense forces – we plan to combine the cool vest technology with ballistic protection technology to develop comfortable, ergonomic BPJs for forces operating in extremely hot and humid conditions. MKU as a company is focused on R&D as we feel investment in technology is the first step towards achieving excellence."

MKU will constantly be on the lookout for new emerging technologies and looks upon DRDO for developing technologies and products to meet the emerging requirements of our defense forces – the experience of DRDO would synergize the development."