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# Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)

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**Why in news:** The DAC accorded **Acceptance of Necessity (AoN)** for capital acquisition proposals worth **~₹79,000 crore** to enhance the operational capabilities of the Armed Forces.

## What is the DAC?

- The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** is the **highest decision-making body** for **capital defence procurements** in India.
- It grants **in-principle approvals** and **Acceptance of Necessity (AoN)** for major acquisition proposals.



## Establishment

- Constituted following the recommendations of the **Group of Ministers (GoM) on Reforming the National Security System** (post-Kargil reforms).

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## Composition

**Chairman:** Raksha Mantri (Ministry of Defence)

### Members:

oRaksha Rajya Mantris

o**Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)**

oChiefs of the **Army, Navy and Air Force**

### Other Members:

oDefence Secretary

oSecretaries of Defence Production, Defence R&D, Defence Finance

**Member Secretary: Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (PP&FD)**

## Functions

**1Long-Term Perspective Planning:** Provides in-principle approval to capital acquisitions under the **15-year Long-Term Perspective Plan (LTPP)**, especially projects with long gestation periods.

**2Acceptance of Necessity (AoN):** Grants AoN for capital acquisition projects proposed for inclusion in **Five-Year Plans**.

**3**Marks the **first formal stage** in the defence procurement process.

**4Categorisation of Acquisition:** Decides procurement category such as **Buy (Indian), Buy & Make (Indian), Make**, etc., to promote **indigenisation**.

**5Monitoring of Major Projects:** Reviews progress of key acquisition programmes based on inputs from the **Defence Procurement Board**.

**6Policy Coordination:** Ensures alignment between **operational needs, financial prudence, and domestic defence production goals**.

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