**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN**

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

**(DEFENCE DIVISION)**

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**BRIEF ON DEFENCE COOPERATION WITH TAJIKISTAN**

Tajikistan is an important Central Asian Muslim state which is geographically and culturally, closest to Pakistan. It is a landlocked country bordering Afghanistan in the north and separated by a narrow strip of "Wakhan Corridor" (14 km). Pakistan immediately recognized Tajikistan’s independence and established diplomatic relations with it (June 1992). Tajikistan is the poorest country amongst Central Asian Republics (CARs). Eighty percent of its population lives below the poverty line. The country is dependent on Russia for its security and military needs. Tajikistan is the only country in Central Asia where Russian forces have been deployed since 1945.

**Bilateral MOU / Agreement**

2. MoU on “Military and Military-Technical Cooperation” was signed between MoDs of both Countries in May 2015.

**Defence Cooperation Forums / Meetings**

3. Two star level forum was established in 2012. So far, five Rounds have been held. 5th Round of Staff Talks was held in Tajikistan in Nov 2020. 6th Round is scheduled to be held in Pakistan from 16-18 Nov, 2021/15-17 Dec, 2021.

4.**Training Cooperation**

Tajikistan has been included in the list of gratis countries by MoFA since Aug 2001. A number of training facilities were authorized to Tajik trainees on gratis basis including tuition fee, stipend, messing, accommodation etc.

1. Forecast of training Courses **2020-21** has been shared with Tajikistan Side in May 2020. No response received so far.
2. **16 x vacancies** on various courses have been allotted for FY 2020/21 on gratis basis.
3. **2 x vacancies each on** intelligence Course (IC) and Tech Graduate Course (TGC) Scheduled from 17 May 2021 to 9 Oct 2021 and 15 Nov 2021 to 8 Oct 2021 respectively at PMA have been allotted to Tajikistan.
4. **Anti Terrorist training** Details of special Anti Terrorist training (ATT) imparted is as under:-

i. 71 x Tajik Trainee (41 x Tajik Alpha Force and 30 x Tajik MoD) have attended Anti Terrorist training conducted from 21 Nov 16 to 13 Jan 17 at SOS Cherat.

ii. 25 x Tajik Trainee have attended Spec training of Presidential Security Guard Course conducted from 8 May 2017 to 28 May 2017.

5. **Pakistan-Tajikistan Joint Exercise DOSTI-I-2020** was conducted at NCTC, Pabbi, Pakistan from 10-21 March, 2020 under arrangement of National Counter Terrorism and Training Centre (NCTC)Pabbi/HQ SSG and MT Dte, GHQ.

**Provision of Military Assistance**

Major Projects Completed (Tri Svcs)

6. a. **Sewing Factory**

i. Tajik side requested for establishment of sewing factory during 1st Round of Staff Talks. Following facilities were installed from 28 Jan to 2 March 2015:-

a. Stitching units (comprising 60 x Stitching/Special Machines).

b. Cutting Unit.

c. Design Setup

d. 10 x pressing units

ii. Training of 70 x Lady Tailors in Tajikistan.

b. **Ammunition Plant**

Tajik side requested refurbishment of Ammunition Factory and provision of Raw Material during 1st Round of Staff Talks. Installation of new machines, refurbishment of old machines, provision of compete tooling, spares, electronic parts and Raw Material were carried out from 28 Jan to 2 March 2015.

c. **Delivery of Weapons/ Equipment to Tajikistan**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Ser** | **Package** | **Items** | **Qty** | **Remarks** |
| (a) | PM Package (May 2016) | Bullet Proof Jacket | 1000 | Delivered in Mar & Dec 2017 |
| (b) | “ | 12.7 MG with accessories | 111 |
| (c) | “ | Rounds of 9 mm | 1 Mn |
| (d) | “ | Rounds of 7.62 mm (7.62x39) | 3 Mn |
| (e) | “ | Rounds of 7.62 mm (7.62x54) | 3 Mn |  |
| (f) | “ | Rounds of 12.7 x 108 mm | 300000 |  |
| (g) |  | Hand Grenade Arges 84 | 10000 |  |
| (h) | “ | Smoke & Gas Grenade | 3000 |  |
| (i) | “ | Field Uniform | 3000 |  |
| (i) | “ | Caps | 3000 |  |
| (k) |  | Bullet Proof (Outer Cover) | 3000 |  |
| (1) | “ | Bullet Proof Vests | 4000 | Del in May/ Jun 2018 |
| (m) | “ | 12.7 AA MG | 14 |  |
| (n) |  | Backpack (Rack Sack) | 3000 |  |
| (o) | “ | Bullet Proof Jackets | 5000 |  |
| (P) | “ | Winter Mil Jackets | 2112 |  |
| (q) | “ | Winter Mil Jackets | 888 | Del on 2 Apr 19  Del in Aug 2016 |
| (r) | COAS Pkg (Mar 2016) | Cam Uniform | 5000  pairs |  |
| (s) | “ | High Ankle Boots | 5000  pairs |  |
| (t) | “ | Rifle G-3 | 5000 |  |
| (u) | “ | Caps | 5000 |  |
| (v) | COAS Pkg (Aug 17) | Magazines of Rifle G-3 | 15000 | Del in Dec 2017 |
| (w) | “ | Rounds of Rifle G-3 | 0.4 Mn |  |
| (x) | “ | Cam Cloth | 35000 Mtrs |  |
| (y) | “ | Shooter Profile Sys | 5 |  |
| (z) | “ | Camouflage Cloth | 25000 Mtrs | Del on 2 Apr 19 |

**List of Equipment Handed over to CJCSC during visit in May 2018**

7. Summary of equipment along with estimated value worked out by MoDP is tabulated below -

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Ser** | **Items** | **Items** | **POF** | | **IOP** | | **NIP** |
| **Items** | **Cost (USD)**  **(USD)** | **Item** | **Cost**  **(USD)** |
| **(a)** | Armament and  Special  Equipment | **11** | **2** | **1,087,722** | **1** | **480,000** | **8** |
| **(b)** | Ammunition | **14** | **6** | **6,378,416** | - |  | **8** |
| **(c)** | Vehicles and Technical Spare Parts | **8** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **8** |
| **Total** |  | **33** | 8 | **7,466,138** | 1 | **480,000** | **24** |

1. Delivery Of Weapons / Equipment To Tajikistan
2. Raw material for 3 Mnrds del through 5 sorties i.e 2 sorties on 22 & 23 Nov, 2 sorties on 5 Dec 2020 & 1 sortie on 20 Dec 2020 (Raw material for **2.825760 Mn**and **174240** rds of 7.62 mm x 39 mm).
3. **50 x ventilators** as a good will gesture have been delivered to Tajikistan authorities on 22 Nov 2020.
4. **MRE.** On 3 Sep 2019, Tajikistan side through DA (P) Tajikistan requested GHQ for provision of 2500 x packets of MRE (1000 x Qeema beef biryani and 1500 x packets of Beef quorma). **The same were delivered to Tajikistan on 21 Dec 2020.**

(b). **Present Requirement and Status**

i. Chairman JCSC visited Tajikistan from 24-27 Nov 2020 and pointed out in his PVR that “Tajik Govt repeatedly request for assistance and participation on 30th Independence Day and 20th SCO Anniversary Celebration. Proposal for security assistance and participation may be prepared in consultation with Tajik MoD. The recommendation was marked to MoD/JSHQ. MoD asked JSHQ whether the assistance required by Tajik Government is in terms of dispatching Pakistan’s military contingent to participate in the celebrations on the occasions of 30th Independence Day and 20th SCO anniversary. No response, however, from JSHQ has been received.

ii. Currently MoFA conveyed that during a meeting on 20-04-2021 with Pakistan Ambassador in Tajikistan, the defence minister of Tajikistan recalling the visit of the CJCSC to Tajikistan {mentioned in Para f (i)} reiterated request for provision under-mentioned items. MoFA requested MoD to make arrangement for the assistance.

a. 5000 G-3 rifles; and

b. Military Uniforms for the military parade on the occasion of 30th anniversary of Tajikistan’s Independence in September 2021.

iii. The proposal of aforementioned equipment to be delivered to Tajikistan has not yet been provided to this Ministry for further processing.

**Core Issues.**

MoD has presently taken up the matter for obtaining NoCs from MoFA and Dte Gen ISI on account of the following equipment to be delivered to Tajikistan after complying with procedural formalities:-

|  |  |  |
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| **S.No** | **Weapons Name** | **Quantity** |
| 1. | Light Machine Guns (LMGs) | 300 numbers |
| 2. | 7.62 x 51 mm. G3 | 1 million rounds |
| 3. | RPG-7 HEAT (40)  mm.) | 1000 rounds |
| 4. | 120 mm. Mortar | 1000 rounds |
| 5. | 122 mm. HE (D-30) | 500 rounds |
| 6. | 122 mm. MBKL | 500 rounds |
| 7. | Light weight combat helmets | 500 numbers |
| 8 | Uniforms | 500 numbers |
| 9. | Boot DMS | 500 numbers |

**Bilateral Visits**

8. **Pakistan side**

1. Foreign Minister of Pakistan is on his visit to Tajikistan from 11-07-2021.

2. CJCSC visited Tajikistan in Nov, 2020.

3. Foreign Minister of Pakistan visited Tajikistan in October, 2018.

4. President of Pakistan visited Tajikistan in June 2018

5. Chairman JCSC visited Tajikistan from 28-31 May, 2018.

6. Chairman POF visited Tajikistan in April 2018.

7. POF delegation visited Tajikistan in December, 2017.

8. COAS visited Tajikistan in August, 2017.

9. DG FMC JSHQ visited Tajikistan in August, 2017.

10. Prime Minster of Pakistan visited Tajikistan in May 2016 & July, 2017.

11. COAS visited Tajikistan in March, 2016.

**Tajikistan side**

1. Tajik Defence Minister is scheduled to visit Pakistan from 13-15 July 2021.

2. Tajik Defence Minister visited Pakistan from 9-11 April, 2019.

3. Secretary National Security Council visited Pakistan in April 2018.

4. President of Tajikistan visited Pakistan in March 2017 for ECO Summit.

5. Deputy Minister of Defence visited Pakistan in March 2016.

6. President of Tajikistan visited Pakistan in November, 2015.

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