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Message

India's Only MRO Forum, MRO Association of India will complete a decade of existence in 2020. In this period, the association has been engaging with various Ministries of the Government of India for bettering the environment of the Indian MRO Industry.

I am happy to inform you that from all the problems that our industry was facing, some of them have been mitigated. The Association is a regular invitee at the Ministry of Civil Aviation's Stake Holders Meetings held every month with the Secretary, Civil Aviation, in chair and once every two months with the Hon'ble Minister in chair. These meetings have not only helped the Indian Aviation Industry, but also the MRO industry immensely. The DGCA also engages with the MRO industry on a regular basis and we have benefited from these meetings.

From a regime of Zero Customs Duty for the MRO Industry on import of spare parts, test equipment and aircraft tyres that we could secure after with engaging with the Government, or to bringing the Airport Royalty down from 36 per cent to 16 per cent, to being part of the National Civil Aviation Policy of India, the Association has come a long way in its journey. However, some of these achievements have been nullified over the years, -- such as imposition of GST and IGST amounting to 18 per cent and Airport operators increasing the Royalty to be paid to them.

The low man-hour cost advantage of Indian MRO Industry of has been eroded due to high taxation as the industry works on a razor-thin margin, thereby losing its competitive edge over neighbouring MRO Centres. If we have to make India the next MRO Hub of Asia, then steps have to be taken in the right direction. The Association has been engaging with the Finance and Revenue Ministry's Departments to find a solution for the high GST rates currently imposed on the MRO industry. I am sure that the Indian MRO Industry will reach its pinnacle in due course.

Every year since its inception, barring two, MRO Association of India has been holding its annual event of conference and expo to deliberate, discuss, debate, showcase the progress of the Indian MRO Industry through **Aero MRO India – Aerospace & Defence** where we engage with the Government and the industry. This year, it is the Seventh Edition of this Forum.

For a successful MRO Industry, we not only require the Government's support, but we also require a sound ecosystem and moreover, the support from OEMs whose platforms we maintain is also required. Then only we would be able to create an MRO Hub in India.

Hon'ble Prime Minister's Make-in-India programme and the country's five trillion-mark economy can only be achieved with the Government's support for the Indian MRO Industry. We can then be part of these objectives and Maintain-in-India.

Jai Hind!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pulak Sen', written in a cursive style.

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