



Raksha Mantri calls for enhanced India-Germany defence industrial partnerships during address to German Parliamentarians in Berlin

Extends invite to German industry to co-create, co-develop & co-innovate under Aatmanirbhar Bharat to deal with emerging security threats

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“Aatmanirbhar Bharat is not merely a procurement programme; it is an invitation to co-create, co-develop, and co-innovate,” Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh told German Parliamentarians in Berlin on April 21, 2026, as he made a strong pitch for enhanced collaborations between the defence industrial ecosystems of India & Germany. Addressing the German Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence and Security on Day-1 of his three-day visit to the European nation, Raksha Mantri asserted that the world today is faced with new security threats, and the technological transformation has made the situation highly complex and intricately connected. A new approach with the willingness to adapt to the changing environment is the need of the hour, he said.



Raksha Mantri asserted that India, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, is witnessing an unprecedented transformation in the defence sector, and increased partnerships with the German industry can yield significant mutual gains. “We recognise the established strengths of Germany’s leading industrial enterprises, while also admiring the vigour and dynamism of the renowned German Mittelstand (small & medium-sized companies) in advanced and emerging technologies. In India too, our start-ups and enterprising private companies are rapidly enhancing and complementing the capabilities of our larger and established defence enterprises. This is an area where India and Germany naturally complement each other, and our partnership can deepen further,” said Shri Rajnath Singh.

To deal with modern-day global challenges, Shri Rajnath Singh underscored the need for coordinated responses and trusted strategic partnerships. “Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Mr Friedrich Merz have placed strong emphasis on advancing this strategic partnership. We also see a clear convergence of views at the European Union level, reflected in the growing momentum to engage with India, including through the India–EU Defence and Strategic Partnership,” he said.



Raksha Mantri reiterated that India and Germany are not only strategic partners, but also consequential voices in shaping the global discourse of the present times. “We are established democracies bound by shared values, and dynamic economies driven by resilience, innovation, and a determined industrial spirit. As lawmakers and esteemed members of the Committee, your guidance, voice, and support can further

strengthen and enrich the future course of our defence and strategic cooperation. When the chronicles of this era are penned, the India-Germany partnership will stand as a paragon of diplomacy, crafted not in response to crisis, but through the steady resolve of two mature democracies choosing to walk this path together,” he stated.

Shri Rajnath Singh pointed out that the current geopolitical instability can no longer be viewed as regional matters. Their consequences are global in scope, he said, describing them as not localised disturbances, but serious developments with far-reaching implications for energy security, food security, and global economic stability, apart from the immense humanitarian cost they entail. He said “For a developing country like India, which relies on the West Asian region for a significant share of its energy requirements, disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz are not distant events, they are stark realities with direct implications for our security and economic stability”.



Raksha Mantri highlighted that in view of these challenges and their direct implications, India adopted a proactive and coordinated strategy. He told the Parliamentarians that a Group of Ministers on West Asia is continuously assessing the evolving situation and recommending timely measures to minimise its impact. “Bringing together key ministries, our deliberations focused on safeguarding energy supplies, maintaining the availability of essential commodities, containing inflationary pressures, and protecting citizens as well as industry from external disruptions. This reflects India’s capacity to respond to global crises with calmness, foresight, and effective institutional coordination,” he said.

Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Committee Mr Thomas Roewekamp had received Shri Rajnath Singh for the interaction with the Parliamentarians. Earlier, Raksha Mantri paid floral tributes to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore at the premises of Humboldt University in Berlin, underscoring the enduring cultural and intellectual ties between India and Germany.



Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore shared a deep and meaningful connection with Germany during the early 20th century, marked by mutual admiration between the poet and German thinkers, artists, and audiences. His engagement with Germany was rooted in cultural exchange, intellectual dialogue, and mutual respect. Germany played a significant role in introducing and popularizing his work across Europe.

Upon his arrival, Raksha Mantri was welcomed at the Berlin Airport with military honours. He was flown in a Special German Air Force aircraft, escorted by fighter jets, during his flight from Munich to Berlin.





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