

NIBE Secures Key Order from Elbit Systems for Guided Rocket Parts



NIBE Limited, an Indian private defense manufacturing company, has received a significant purchase order valued at approximately ₹6.12 crores (around \$700,000) from Israeli defense major Elbit Systems Land Ltd. The order is for the manufacturing and supply of components for the Guided Advanced Tactical Rocket (GATR) 70mm, a precision strike weapon with a range of 10 kilometers. This new contract, which is scheduled for completion by September 2026, reinforces NIBE's growing role in the international defense technology ecosystem.

The GATR 70mm is a cutting-edge air-to-ground munition that uses a semi-active laser guidance system to achieve high accuracy against both stationary and moving targets. Its precision and extended range capabilities make it a critical asset in modern military operations. The rocket is compatible with a variety of platforms, including attack helicopters like the AH-64 Apache and India's own HAL Rudra.

This collaboration is a milestone for India's defense sector, as it marks the first time such a sophisticated rocket system will be produced on Indian soil. The partnership with a global leader like Elbit Systems is expected to facilitate the transfer of advanced technology and production know-how, strengthening NIBE's capability to manufacture complex precision weapons domestically. This aligns with the Indian government's "Atmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-Reliant India) initiative, which aims to boost indigenous defense production and reduce reliance on imports.

NIBE Limited, headquartered in Pune, has been a key player in India's defense sector, manufacturing a wide range of defense systems from artillery ammunition to advanced electronics. The company's work on the GATR rocket validates its expertise in high-precision

defense manufacturing. The contract with Elbit Systems is a clear indicator of NIBE's expanding global footprint and its ability to secure international partnerships. This development is seen as a significant step forward for the Indian private defense sector, positioning NIBE Limited as a key contributor to the nation's defense modernization and export ambitions.