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Helicopters To Be Made For Both Civil And Military Requirements

TASL, Bell partner to make choppers

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Hyderabad: City-headquartered Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) on Thursday announced that it has signed an agreement with US aerospace player Bell Helicopter to develop and manufacture helicopters for civil and military requirements under the 'Make in India' initiative.

As part of the pact, TASL and Bell Helicopter will jointly develop commercial and government (including military) rotary wing markets in India in the light utility and reconnaissance segments.

The scope of this agreement is intended to include potential production and assembly capabilities, certain training and maintenance, repair and overhaul requirements, as well as research and development programs and technology sharing that will grow industrial capabilities and result in innovative 'Make in India' solutions, TASL said.

"We are honoured to build on our relationship with TASL to leverage its experience and knowledge to customize, integrate and manufacture specific local Bell Helicopter solutions for India," said Bell Helicopter president and CEO Mitch Snyder said. "TASL has been a leader in driving industrial growth in India, and ideally complements Bell Helicopter; both in terms of innovative thinking, manufacturing capability and a commitment to business ethics, integrity and customer satisfaction," he ad-

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ded. Meanwhile, TASL chairman S Ramadorai termed TASL's alliance with Bell Helicopter as significant due to shared synergies. "Our defense manufacturing capabilities and focus on innovation are well aligned with Bell Helicopter's core competence. This will build on the partnerships that TASL already has in the rotorcraft market allowing it to offer a full range of products to potential customers. The collaboration is in line with the government's 'Make in India' initiative and holds potential not only in the domestic market but will also strengthen India's position in the international market." Bell Helicopter has been supplying choppers to In-

dia for over six decades and has over 90 aircraft operating throughout India in several sectors including commercial, civil/government, and military operations. In fact, Textron Inc, Bell Helicopter's parent company, opened an engineering and technology center in Bengaluru in 2004 that employs over 130 Bell Helicopter engineers working on various programs.

TASL, which is focused on providing integrated solutions for aerospace, defense and homeland security, has emerged as a significant player in the global aerospace market and has set up its manufacturing facilities at the Adibatla aerospace SEZ on Hyderabad's outskirts.