

India develops machine pistol for defence forces

India has unveiled the locally developed machine pistol ASMI for the defence forces.

Jointly developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Army, the pistol was recently displayed at an event.

According to local news reports, the machine pistol is in the class of the Uzi series guns

of Israel and has a range of around 100m.

The weapon is expected to replace the 9mm pistols currently used by the defence forces.

The gas-operated semi bull-pup carbine weighs 3kg and is capable of firing 700 rounds per minute (rpm). The weapon is expected to be used for counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations.