

Close Quarter Battle (CQB) Carbine

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The Ministry of Defence recently signed defence procurement contracts worth ₹4,666 crore for the acquisition of Close Quarter Battle (CQB) Carbines for the Indian Army and Navy and Heavyweight Torpedoes for the Indian Navy.

About Close Quarter Battle (CQB) Carbine

- The **5.56 x 45 mm** CQB Carbine is an **indigenously designed, developed, and manufactured (IDDM) compact firearm**.
- It has been **designed by DRDO's Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE), Pune**, and is being **manufactured by Bharat Forge Ltd** (a Pune based Indian multinational).
- CQB carbines are **compact, lightweight** weapons **designed specifically for urban warfare, close-range engagements and counter-terrorism** operations.
- Their **reduced size** compared to standard rifles offers **enhanced manoeuvrability in confined spaces** whilst maintaining operational effectiveness.
- It weighs approximately 3.3 kilograms and has an **effective range of 200 meters**.

- The weapon also uses a 30-round curved magazine to ensure reliable feeding during rapid fire.
- It can **fire both NATO-standard and INSAS ammunition.**

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