**Syllabus subtopic:** Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

**Prelims and Mains focus:** About the GOCO model and its significance

**News:** Army has started identifying potential industry partners to implement the **Government Owned Contractor Operated (GOCO) model** for its base workshops and ordnance depots.

**Background**

The GOCO model was one of the recommendations of the Lt. Gen. DB Shekatkar (Retd.) committee to “enhance combat capability and rebalance defence expenditure.”

**How is it going to be implemented?**

- A Request For Information was issued on December 19, 2019 to shortlist service providers with experience in “warehousing, logistics and supply chain management” for Central Ordnance Depot, Kanpur. The Army has also started evaluating the GOCO model for **Army Base Workshops (ABW)** to drive “higher operational efficiencies”.

- The agenda of these interactions would be to understand from interested industry participants their views on opportunities envisaged and issues/concerns if ABWs were to be run under GOCO model.

- The **tasks undertaken by these workshops** include depotlevel repairs; overhaul of T72 and T90, guns, mortars and small arms, vehicles, communication systems, radars, air defence systems, armoured personnel carriers; manufacture of spares and overhaul of aviation rotables.