



product that is proudly indigenous. This heavier Super Stallion platform builds on the heritage of the Stallion, of which more than 65,000 vehicles are deployed by the Indian Army.” said Mr. Nitin Seth, Executive Director - Defence Business, Ashok Leyland.

“This experience, as well as experience in some of our new export markets has allowed us to factor customer feedback to achieve the significant improvements to the product,” he added.

The Super Stallion HMV 8x8 is propelled by a state-of-the-art powerful 360 hp (265 kW) Neptune engine that can crank up a torque of 1400 Nm. Hub reduction axles ensure better ground clearance and grip for its 8 wheels in sand, and the Central Tyre Inflation System (CITS) enables inflating or deflating tyres even when on the move.

The Stallion 6x6 is significantly upgraded in form and function compared to its earlier version. It has a more powerful 165 kW Common Rail Diesel engine that is capable of 800 Nm of torque to operate in demanding, mountainous terrain. Ease of use is addressed by the automatic transmission that is matched to the new engine. It is also equipped with a



modern, face-lifted cabin that is ergonomic, air-conditioned with bucket seats and fitted with a driver-friendly information display cluster panel.

The Stallion 6x6 can be used as troop carrier, water and fuel bows-er, LRV and as the base vehicle to mount communication equipment and command control posts. It is already performing with the Royal Thai Army and is also operational in Honduras and South Africa.

Fleet management system

Both the platforms are supported by a fleet management system (FMS) to ensure increased operational efficiency and fleet uptime. Fleet managers can track fleet usage, fuel usage and service complaints and plan scheduled preventive as well as corrective maintenance, in addition to being informed about availability status of vehicles in the fleet. The simple and easy-to-use in-

terface helps fleet managers, drivers and maintenance crews to log in vehicle data and generate relevant reports. Driver and mechanic training programmes can also be monitored through these dashboards. The entire FMS system can also be offered in a fully operational turnkey basis.

A comprehensive range of customer services is also on offer that include service camps, mobile and driver trainings. Model rooms have been set up across the country for regular technical seminars, field service campaigns and the mammoth task of ‘training the trainers’ for operation/maintenance of the Indian Army’s Stallion fleet. A mobile parts store, positioned in the Eastern Command, ensures easy availability of genuine spares that not only helps in getting the vehicle back on the road faster but keeps it going longer.

“Stallions form the veritable backbone of the Indian Army’s logistics operations, and we cherish our role as their largest supplier of logistics vehicles.”

- Mr. Nitin Seth