

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 383**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023

**ORDNANCE FACTORY BOARD**

383. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ordnance Factory Board with 41 manufacturing units producing arms, ammunition and cloths for defence personnel has been split into 7 corporate units;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the arms and ammunitions produced by Ordnance Factories were of sub-standard resulting to accidents while using them in the field by defence personnel;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for delay in taking such a decision much earlier; and
- (e) the mechanism put in place by the Government for the production of quality arms and ammunitions?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. To enhance functional autonomy, efficiency and unleash new growth potential and innovation in Ordnance Factories, the Government of India has decided to convert the production units of Ordnance Factory Board into 7 Defence Public Sector Undertakings. The details are at Annexure.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. Ordnance Factories manufactured arms and ammunition following laid down specifications, as per the Quality Assurance (QA) plan provided by the Authorities Holding Sealed particulars (Directorate General of Quality Assurance/Defence Research and Development Organisation) and supplied the same to the users after due inspection by DGQA. In spite of the above, in certain cases accidents/defects were reported at the User End. Major incidences were investigated through defect investigation mechanism by DGQA and remedial actions are taken as per the recommendations.

(e): All the products manufactured by the production units are subjected to various Quality Checks, which are on the basis of Quality Assurance Plan (QAP)/Acceptance Test Plan (ATP)/Quality Plan etc. These Quality Plans/documents have clear guidelines for all the checks to be carried out during the entire cycle of manufacturing of Defence Stores. Further, designated Inspector of customer is undertaking the Second Party Inspection coverage called Quality Assurance (QA), done based on QAP/ATP by Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA), Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance (DGAQA) and Directorate General of Naval Armament Inspection (DGNAI) for the stores issued to Army, Air Force and Navy, respectively.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA  
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**DETAILS OF THE 7 DPSUS**

DPSU		Factory	
1	Munitions India Limited (MIL) (Ammunition & Explosives) Headquarter - Khadki, Pune	1	Ammunition Factory Khadki
		2	Cordite Factory Aruvankadu
		3	High Energy Projectile Factory Tiruchirapalli
		4	High Explosive Factory Khadki
		5	Ordnance Factory Bhandara
		6	Ordnance Factory Bolangir
		7	Ordnance Factory ChandaChandrapur
		8	Ordnance Factory Dehu Road
		9	Ordnance Factory Itarsi
		10	Ordnance Factory Khamaria
		11	Ordnance Factory Nalanda
		12	Ordnance Factory Varangaon
2	Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVANI) (Vehicles) Headquarter - Avadi, Chennai	1	Engine Factory Avadi
		2	Heavy Vehicle Factory Avadi
		3	Machine Tool Prototype Factory Ambernath
		4	Ordnance Factory Medak
		5	Vehicle Factory Jabalpur
3	Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWEIL) (Weapons & Equipment) Headquarter – Kanpur	1	Field Gun Factory Kanpur
		2	Gun Carriage Factory Jabalpur
		3	Gun and Shell Factory Cossipore
		4	Ordnance Factory Kanpur
		5	Ordnance Factory Project Korwa
		6	Ordnance Factory Tiruchirapalli
		7	Rifle Factory Ishapore
		8	Small Arms Factory Kanpur
4	Troop Comforts Limited (TCL) (Troop Comfort Items) Headquarter - Kanpur	1	Ordnance Clothing Factory Avadi
		2	Ordnance Clothing Factory Shahjahanpur
		3	Ordnance Equipment Factory Kanpur
		4	Ordnance Equipment Factory Hazratpur
5	Yantra India Limited (YIL) (Ancillary) Headquarter - Nagpur	1	Grey Iron Foundry Jabalpur
		2	Metal and Steel Factory Ishapore
		3	Ordnance Factory Ambernath
		4	Ordnance Factory Ambajhari
		5	Ordnance Factory Bhusawal
		6	Ordnance Factory Dumdum
		7	Ordnance Factory Katni
		8	Ordnance Factory Muradnagar

6	India Optel Limited (IOL) (Opto-Electronics) Headquarter- Dehradun	1	Ordnance Factory Chandigarh
		2	Ordnance Factory Dehradun
		3	Opto-Electronics Factory Dehradun
7	Gliders India Limited (GIL) (Parachute) Headquarter- Kanpur	1	Ordnance Parachute Factory Kanpur

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