

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF ORDNANCE FACTORY AT RAJGIR
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH;RAM PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have proposed to set up ordnance factory at Rajgir, Bihar;
- (b) if so, the progress made so far in regard to functioning of this factory; and
- (c) the potential of local population likely to be given employment there?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) The Government sanction for setting up an ordnance factory at Rajgir, Bihar was issued on November 29, 2001.
- (b) About 2879 acres of land has been acquired and construction work at the site is in progress. An expenditure of Rs. 61.34 crore has been incurred towards acquisition of land. A sum of Rs. 9.46 crore has been released to Government of Bihar for rehabilitation of displaced persons. The expenditure incurred on construction work so far is approximately Rs. 15 crore. Documents for transfer of technology from M/s Somchem, South Africa have been received.
- (c) The requirement of manpower is yet to be firmed up.