

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3228
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2003
DISTANCE BETWEEN BATHINDA AMMUNITION DEPOT AND CIVIL POPULATION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to expand Bathinda Cantonment and Ammunition Depot;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a prescribed limit of distance between an ammunition Depot or Cantonment and civil population area;
- (d) if so, the limits prescribed therefor;
- (e) whether it is a fact that in the name of expansion of Bathinda Cantonment and ammunition Depot, these limits are being overlooked;
- (f) if so, whether as a result of this expansion a large number of civil population, institutions at Bathinda are being faced with the danger of evacuation from their own houses; and
- (g) if so, the details of the Government's plan to provide relief to the proposed oustees?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Distance between Ammunition Depot and civilian area only has been prescribed in Works of Defence Act, 1903.
- (d) The distance varies between 500 and 2000 yds.
- (e) to (g) : Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.