

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SALE OF INDIAN ARMS IN INTERNATIONAL MARKET
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any plan regarding sale of Indian arms and ammunitions in the international market is under consideration;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the status of India in the international market; and
- (c) the type of arms alongwith the names of countries proposed to be exported?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION & SUPPLIES (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) & (b): The Ordnance Factory Board and Defence Public Sector Undertakings have been exporting some of their products for several years after meeting domestic requirements. Steps taken comprise participation in international defence exhibitions in India and abroad, interaction with visiting defence delegations, preparation and dissemination of product literature and assistance taken from Indian Missions abroad. Exports from India into the international market are negligible at present.

(c) Products are exported mainly to countries in Asia and Africa and include small arm ammunition, explosives, rockets, spares for rifles and guns, clothing items, parachutes and accessories, Aeronautical stores, communication equipment, components and sub-systems etc. Some products have even been exported to countries in Europe.