

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:103  
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OUTPUT OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Ordnance Factories had worked overtime to double the output during the Kargil crisis;
- (b) if so, the normal output of each of these factories and extent to which it has been increased;
- (c) whether these Ordnance Factories have started working continuously to fill up the gap of the arms and ammunitions that were exhausted during the Kargil conflict; and
- (d) if so, the extent to which the Ordnance Factories have restored their original position of production of arms and ammunitions?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 103 FOR 2.3.2000.

Defence forces projected enhanced requirement of selected items of ammunition, cables and clothing on Ordnance Factories during Kargil operation. In order to meet the enhanced requirement, concerned Ordnance Factories (OFs) resorted to working over-time and also re-deployed the work force. Output of these items consequently increased substantially during 1999-2000 and is expected to be higher than that in 1998-99 by 33% to 900% for ammunition items, 20% to 108% for clothing items and by 76% to 233% for cables.

As a result of this, the overall value of issues of Ordnance Factories to Defence Services is expected to increase by 35.65% during 1999-2000 as compared to the value of issue in 1998-99.

The production level of OFs reached during 1999-2000 will be broadly sustained during the next financial year to take care of the requirement of the Defence forces.