

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COORDINATION AMONG DEFENCE BRANCHES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether excessive quantity of ammunition is reportedly manufactured due to lack of coordination among the various branches of the defence forces causing storage problems and loss of crores of rupees;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to bring about proper coordination amongst the different branches of defence forces;

(c) whether a large quantity of shell bodies, rifles, cartridges and other ammunitions are rejected during the inspection; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to check the wasteful expenditure in this behalf and to improve and tone up the working of ordnance factories?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. Ordnance Factories are manufacturing items for the defence forces as per mutually agreed targets fixed in the Annual Target Fixation meeting by officers of the Army Headquarters and Defence Ministry. After the fire accident at Ammunition Depot Bharatpur, the Raksha Mantri had directed the preparation of an action plan to provide proper storage for all ammunition. This plan has since been prepared and Rs. 283 crores have been earmarked for this purpose.

(c) & (d) : No, Sir. Each item is manufactured as per laid down schedule in which Unavoidable Rejection (UAR) is specified. Rejection in most cases remain within the Unavoidable Rejection Limit. When it exceeds the specified rejection limit, it is investigated and remedial measures are taken.