

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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UNDER- UTILISATION OF CAPACITY IN ORDNANCE FACTORY  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the capacity utilization of the ordnance factory at Itarsi during each of the last three years;
- (b) the reasons for under-utilisation of capacity, if any; and
- (c) the steps taken to improve the production capacity in the said factory?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) Machine & Manpower in Standard Man-Hours (SMH) utilization in Ordnance Factory, Itarsi, during the last three years was as under:-

Year	% Machine Utilization	% SMH Utilization
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2003-2004	89.00	142.34
2004-2005	84.77	139.04
2005-2006	81.19	120.44

- (b) The reason for under utilization of Machine capacity in Ordnance Factory, Itarsi, is mainly due to reduction in the orders placed for propellant of some artillery ammunition.
- (c) Efforts are made to maximize exploitation of capacity by pursuing order to the tune of installed capacity and development of new propellant.