

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ORDNANCE FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the policy of the Government for setting up a Ordnance Factory;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that some of the Ordnance Factories and depots are located in populated areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to shift these factories and depots to safe places;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to tighten the Security of Ordnance Factories and depots?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BHOY KRISHNA HANDIQUÉ)

(a) There is no specific laid down policy for setting up an Ordnance Factory.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details are as under:

(i) Gun & Shell Factory, Cossipore, West Bengal.

(ii) Ammunition Factory (Magazine), Pune, Maharashtra.

(iii) Central Ordnance Depot (COD), Delhi.

(iv) COD, Kanpur, UP.

(v) COD, Jabalpur, MP.

(vi) COD, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

(vii) Ordnance Depot (OD), Shakur Basti, Delhi.

(viii) OD, Kolkata, West Bengal.

(ix) OD, Allahabad, UP.

(x) 223 Advanced Base OD, Suranussi, Jalandhar, Punjab.

(xi) 2 Field OD, Srinagar, J&K.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) There is no proposal to shift these factories or depots due to strategic and logistic reasons and the cost involved.

(f) Strict security, access control and round the clock vigil is maintained. Regular inspections are carried out by Board of Officers to check adequacy of safety and security arrangements.