

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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INQUIRY INTO WORKING OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct a thorough inquiry into the working of the ordnance factories through an independent committee;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to update and streamline the quality production of the ordnance factories?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c): Ordnance Factories have quality management systems conforming to ISO standards and 58 Laboratories accredited by National Accreditation Board for Laboratories (NABL). The various products of Ordnance Factories pass through stringent quality tests before acceptance and are inspected and certified by Independent Quality Assurance Agencies. Government have also introduced a quality upgradation scheme in 2008 for further improvement of quality standards, including better process control, autogauging and a computerised quality management database.