GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2061 ANSWERED ON:20.07.2009 REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES Deo Shri Kalikesh Narayan Singh

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of ordnance factories in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the targets set and achievements made by each ordnance factory, including the ordnance factory at Saintala, Bolangir during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the production capacity of the factories?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The performance of Ordnance Factories is regularly reviewed by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) and the Ministry of Defence at various levels. A production review meeting is held by OFB once in two months in which the performance of ordnance factories is reviewed in detail. The overall performance is reviewed by the Ministry of Defence at various levels. There are also steering committees at the Ministry's level and working groups at the OFB level for reviewing the progress of major projects such as MBT Arjun, Ordnance Factory, Nalanda, Ordnance Factory, Korwa and the Pinaka Rocket Project.

(c) The factory-wise targets and achievements for the last 3 years including Ordnance Factory, Bolangir are detailed in the Annexure.

(d) Ordnance Factory Board has recently worked out production capacity of Ordnance Factories based on long term requirement of ammunitions and armoured vehicles projected by Indian Army.Action has been taken to augment capacity for production by positioning plant and machinery and manpower to meet the requirement.