

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:280  
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2010  
PRODUCTION IN ORDNANCE FACTORIES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of ordnance factories at present;
- (b) the production of various defence equipment by the ordnance factories as compared to the defence requirements of the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up new ordnance factories to meet the ever-increasing requirements of the forces; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the locations identified for the purpose?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 280 FOR ANSWER ON 29.11.2010

The parawise information in respect of the question is furnished below:-

There are 39 Ordnance Factories producing Arms, Ammunition, Explosives, Transport and Armoured vehicles, Troop comfort equipments etc. Two more factories are being set up - one at Nalanda, Bihar for production of Bi-modular charge and the other at Korwa, Sultanpur, UP for production of small arms.

Production of defence equipment by Ordnance Factories is undertaken based on the requirements of the armed forces. The details of targets and production for major ammunition and equipment during the last two years is placed in annexure-I.

Army and MHA have indicated long term requirement of ammunition. The requirement indicated are substantially higher than the previous indents. Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has undertaken action to augment the capacity wherever required. The production capacity for tanks, BMP, high calibre weapons and rockets is also being augmented to meet the requirement of armed forces. There is no proposal to set up a new ordnance factory at present.