

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3066
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2010
PRODUCTION OF SMALL ARMS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of ordnance factories manufacturing small arms in the country;
- (b) the average annual production of such arms in the said factories;
- (c) whether any complaints have been received about the quality of these arms; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3066 FOR ANSWER ON 29.11.2010

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

Details of Ordnance factories manufacturing small arms:-

S.No	Factory	Product
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| 1. | Rifle Factory Ishapore | 5.56 mm INSAS Rifle, 9 mm Pistol Auto sporting weapons e.g. .315 Rifle, .22 sporting Rifle, 0.22 Revolver etc. |
| 2. | Small Arms Factory Kanpur | 5.56mm INSAS Rifle, 5.56 INSAS LMG, 9 mm Carbine, 7.62mm MMG and .32 Revolver etc. |
| 3. | Ordnance Factory Tiruchirapalli | 7.62 mm SLR Rifle, 5.56 mm INSAS Rifle, .315 Sporting Rifle. |

In addition the following factories also manufacture Sporting Small Arms/ Weapons for Civil Trade

Factories	Product
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Gun Shell Factory, Cossipore	.32 Pistol
Field Gun Factory, Kanpur	.32 Revolver
Machine Tool Prototype Factory, Ambarnath	.32 Revolver

The annual production of small arms in Ordnance Factories mainly depends on the indent/requirement projected by the indentors. However, the average annual production of such Small Arms in the above factories is given below:-

Weapon	Average annual production in Nos.
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7.62mm SLR Rifle	4,500
5.56mm INSAS Rifle	90,000
9mm Pistol Auto	10,000
5.56mm LMG	7,500
.315 SP Rifle	14,000

.22 SP Rifle	1,000
.22 Revolver	1,000
762mm MMG	300
9mm Carbine	10,000
.32 Revolver	20,000
. 32 Pistol	6,300

Some feed back has been received for the product improvement of 5.56 mm INSAS Rifle and 5.56 mm INSAS LMG about the functional aspects.

To meet the customer requirement, the designs of both the above weapons have been modified. These modifications have been incorporated in manufacturing and no major complaint or issue has been raised. All customer feed back are analysed and suitable measures are incorporated in the manufacturing process to meet the customer requirements. Product up-gradation is a regular feature in the Product Life Cycle of Small arms.