

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF GUNS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Ordnance Factory Board to undertake upgradation of 155 mm and 105 mm artillery guns in collaboration with Indigenous and foreign companies;
- (b) if so, the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) seeks collaboration with multinational companies for export-oriented production system in order to compete with the foreign companies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) had submitted a proposal for upgradation of 155mm Bofors gun. However, no proposal has been received from OFB for 105mm Artillery Gun.
- (b) An RFP was issued by AHQ/Ministry of Defence for upgradation of existing 155mm/39 Calibre FH77B Bofors Gun to 155mm/45 Calibre Gun in August 2008. OFB participated in the RFP and submitted a bid, which is under evaluation at Ministry of Defence.
- (c) OFB did not seek any collaboration with multinational companies for export oriented production system.
- (d) Does not arise.