

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTS OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any efforts to make the products of ordnance factories market-oriented;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam. Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has been committed and perseverant in its efforts to make products of Ordnance Factories market oriented. However, the civil/export market is explored by OFB only after fulfilling the requirements of Defence Forces.

(b) OFB has been engaged in civil/export activities in accordance with the Government procedures. Some of the major products exported by OFB in the last few years are:

Brake Parachute Sukhoi.

Cart 5.56mm SS109.

Brake parachute Jaguar.

Cable JWD-1.

Cart.5.56 x 45mm INSAS.

AK 630M and Fog Signals among others.

105mm Artillery ammunition.

84mm Ammunition.

In the domestic civil sector also OFB has been supplying axles to Indian Railways, special grade aluminium to ISRO etc.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply at (a) & (b) above.