

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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MANUFACTURING OF SMALL WEAPONS  
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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) Small Arms are being manufactured in the following Ordnance Factories under Ordnance Factory Board.

(i) Rifle Factory, Ishapore (RFI) – 5.56mm INSAS Rifle, 9mm Pistol Auto and Sporting weapons like .315' Sporting Rifle, .22' Sporting Rifle & .22' Revolver etc.

(ii) Small Arms Factory, Kanpur (SAF) – 5.56mm INSAS Rifle, 5.56mm INSAS LMG, 9mm Carbine, 7.62mm MMG and .32' Revolver etc.

(iii) Ordnance Factory Tiruchirapalli (OFT) – 7.62mm SLR Rifle, 5.56mm INSAS Rifle and .315' Sporting Rifle etc.

In addition, the following factories also manufacture Sporting weapons under the category of Small Arms for Civil Trade in addition to other weapon products:-

(i) Gun Shell Factory, Cossipore (GSF) - .32' Pistol.

(ii) Field Gun Factory, Kanpur (FGK) - .32' Revolver.

(iii) Machine Tool Prototype Factory, Ambarnath (MTPF) - .32' Revolver.

(b) The average annual production of small arms are as under:-

Sl.No Weapon      Average annual Production (in Nos.)

1. 7.62mm SLR Rifle 6,000

2. 5.56mm INSAS Rifle 1,00,000

3. 9mm Pistol Auto 12,000

4. 5.56mm INSAS LMG 6,000

5. .315' Sporting Rifle 14,000

6. .22' Sporting Rifle 600

7 .22' Revolver 2,500

8. 7.62mm MMG 300

9. 9mm Carbine 5,000

10. .32' Revolver 22,000

11. .32' Pistol 8,500

(c) & (d): Feedback regarding the product improvement of following small arms have been received:

(i) 5.56mm INSAS Rifle: In the year 2003, certain modifications were proposed to avoid splash of oil on the face of soldiers while firing, in the event of use of excess oil for cleaning.

(ii) 5.56mm INSAS LMG: In the year 2004, User proposed 21 modifications for enhancing the functional requirement of the weapon.

In both the cases, design of the weapons have been modified to meet the customer's requirement.

All customer feedbacks are analyzed and suitable measures are incorporated in the manufacturing process to meet the customer's satisfaction.