

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUPPLY OF PINAKA ROCKETS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ordnance factory, Chanda has failed to supply the Pinaka rocket to the army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to ensure smooth supply of arms / equipment to Armed Forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH) MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) & (b): Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) manufacturers two versions of Pinaka Rockets (i.e. Reduced High Explosive (RHE) & Pre Fragmentation (PF). Army Headquarters had placed an indent for Pinaka Rocket for quantity RHE-672 nos & PF-4080 nos. Till date OFB has completed delivery of the entire indented quantity of RHE rocket and 2767 nos of PF rocket. The balance quantity of 1313 nos of PF rockets will be delivered in 2013-14. There was some delay during initial establishment phase due to certain design modifications. All the problems associated with design have been overcome. OFB does not anticipate any problem for future production.

(c) Ministry has taken steps to ensure long term indents to OFB from the Users to enable OFB to plan their production on a long term basis aligning it with the User requirement.

To meet the augmented requirement of the Armed Forces, a number of capacity augmentation projects involving an investment of Rs.4098 crores have been sanctioned by the Ministry in the last 3 years.