

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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ORDNANCE FACTORIES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade and modernise the ordnance factories in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the fund allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether adequate measures have been taken for the safety of employees working in such ordnance factories; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
  - (b) OFB have finalised a comprehensive five years modernization plan which includes investment in the following areas:
    - (i) Renewal and replacement of plant & machinery which are beyond economic repair.
    - (ii) Acquisition of plant & machinery for capacity creation/capacity augmentation.
    - (iii) Capital civil works.
- The fund allocated vis-À-vis investment made for modernization during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Rs. in Crore

Year	Allocation	Expenditure incurred
(Revised Estimates)		

2010-11		
709.12		
702.69		
2011-12		
775.41		
767.21		

2012-13		
903.57		
783.48		
2013-14		
1027.92		
482.86		
{upto		
October 2013}		

- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) The following safety measures are in place for the safety of employees of Ordnance Factories:
  - (i) Issue of Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs) to Individual employees engaged in hazardous operations.

(ii) Implementation of Centre for Fire Explosive and Environment Safety (CFEES) guidelines in storage and transportation of explosives in Ammunition filling and Explosive (A&E) factories.

(iii) Regular training of employees on various aspects of safety.

(iv) Participative Management in promoting safety.

(v) Regular monitoring of implementation of safety measures through Safety Audit.