

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JABALPUR ORDNANCE FACTORY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether safety rules are being over looked in ordnance factory Khamaria in Jabalpur;
- (b) if not, the details of the bomb blasts that occur often in the said factory along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any corrective steps in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam. Ordnance Factory Khamaria (OFK) has a well placed safety management system. It comprises of Standing Instructions (S.I.), General Safety Directives (GSD), 3 tiers of safety audits by OFB, regular safety audit by DGQA, yearly audit by Centre for Fire, Explosive and Environment Safety (CFEES), Delhi. Besides, OFK also conducts in house safety training programmes regularly.

(b) to (d): No bomb blast has occurred in the preceding three years. However, a few cases of process related accidents have happened in the preceding three years, which have been duly investigated by the competent authority (CQA/ME) and the recommended remedial measures have been implemented.