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

- (a) whether the performance of Ordnance factories have been reviewed by the Ordnance Factory Board and if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (b) the steps taken / being taken by the Government for improving the performance of Ordnance factories in the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up new Ordnance factories in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including places identified for the purposes, State / UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Madam. Performance of Ordnance Factories is regularly reviewed by Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). In addition to above, the performance is also reviewed at various levels in the Ministry.
- (b) Improving the performance of Ordnance Factories is an important objective and therefore a continuous process. Some of the major steps taken in this regard are as follows:-
 - (i) Modernisation of Ordnance Factories to keep pace with the latest technology and to maintain the production capacity in tandem with the requirement of Armed Forces. As compared to an expenditure of Rs.2927 crore in 11th Plan, already an expenditure of Rs.1939.39 crore has been incurred in the first 02 years (2012-14) of the 12th Plan. In 2014-15 an expenditure of Rs.1143.68 crore is envisaged.
 - (ii) To improve upon the production planning in Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), Army has started placing 5 years roll on indents for ammunition items.
 - (iii) Quality Audit Groups (QAG) have been formed at 10 centres as an independent authority for giving impetus to and ensuring quality in Ordnance Factories.
 - (iv) 11 Ordnance Development Centres (ODCs) with identified core technologies have been created to take up product development and improvement in core product areas.
 - (v) In addition to above Ministry is delegating powers to Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) from time to time for providing operational freedom and facilitating their working to meet users requirement.
- (c) At present there is no proposal to set up new Ordnance Factories in the country.
- (d) Does not arise.