

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Water Bowser Manufacturing at Jabalpur Vehicle Factory
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any drawback has been noticed in the water bowser manufactured after research in vehicle factory of Jabalpur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the manufacturing of water bowser has been handed over to the private sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to handover the manufacturing of such water bowser to vehicle factory, Jabalpur and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Vehicle Factory Jabalpur (VFJ) had developed 5 KL Water Bowser on Stallion Chassis as per JSQR No. 2320-005 (May-2000) and CAQE Specification No.CAQF/2540/1611. After all the trials the User approved for the introduction of the equipment for plains / deserts only in February 2010. The equipment was not recommended for introduction in High Altitude Areas.
- (c) & (d): Army HQ is procuring the vehicle from M/s. Ashok Leyland because the vehicle ex-VFJ is costlier as compared to Ashok Leyland vehicle.
- (e) At present there is no proposal to handover the manufacturing of 5KL water bowser to Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur (VFJ). However, 2KL water bowser is being procured from VFJ.
