

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
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Defence Production Units

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiative with regard to out of order machines, plants and equipment in the defence production units during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved as a result thereof so far; and
- (c) the monitoring mechanism in defence production units for repairing equipment, machines and plants lying out of order?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The maintenance of machines, plants and equipment in Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Ordnance Factories is carried out periodically with emphasis on preventive maintenance. Machines which are "beyond economic repair" are evaluated for replacement. Replacement of "beyond economic repair" plant and machinery is an on-going process.

(c) Machines, plants and equipment are examined to identify such assets which are not techno-economically viable. The machines, plants and equipment, if found Beyond Economical Repair (BER), redundant and unfit for further usage, are disposed of as per laid down procedure. Critical machines are covered under Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) to reduce downtime in rectification.

In Ordnance Factories, monitoring of maintenance of equipment, machines and plants lying out of order is done through review meetings.

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