

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PINAKA ROCKETS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the the Government has sanctioned capacity-expansion of Pinaka Rockets from existing capacity of 1,000 rockets per year to 5,000 rockets per year, to be produced in ordnance factories;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the requirements of such Rockets are likely to increase in the near future;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and the steps being taken to meet the shortage;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to utilize land of the ordnance factory at Bolangir for capacity expansion of the Pinaka Rockets; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes Madam, Government has sanctioned capacity expansion of Pinaka Rockets from existing capacity of 1000 Rockets per annum to 5000 Rockets per annum in April 2013 at a total cost of Rs.1388.80 crore.
- (c) & (d): There is an additional requirement of new variants of Pinaka Rocket, however these are still under development. The requirement of already developed variants is being catered through the above mentioned project sanctioned by the Government.
- (e) & (f): Unutilized land of Ordnance Factory Bolangir (OFBL) can also be considered for capacity expansion required for manufacturing the new variants of Pinaka Rocket, when they are successfully developed and trial evaluated.