

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

- (a) the number of Ordnance factories in the country and the details of arms/equipment manufactured by them;
- (b) whether the performance of Ordnance factories has been reviewed by the Government or the Ordnance Factory Board and if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to upgrade / modernise and improve the performance of Ordnance factories and the funds likely to be spent during 12th Plan Period for the purpose;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up new Ordnance factories in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including places identified for the purpose, State- UT-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) There are 39 Ordnance Factories already functioning and another 02 factories are at the project stage in the country. The details of arms / equipment manufactured by them are given in Annexure.
- (b) Yes, Madam. Performance of Ordnance Factories is regularly monitored at Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). In addition to above, the performance is also reviewed at various levels in the Ministry including at the level of Raksha Mantri.
- (c) Modernisation of Ordnance Factories is a continuous process. To keep pace with the latest technology and to maintain the production capacity, the replacement of existing plant & machinery takes place through an institutionalized mechanism. This is in tandem with the requirement of Armed Forces.

To achieve the objectives of technological upgradation and augmentation of production capacities, an investment of Rs.9635 crore has been planned during 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17).

- (d) & (e): At present there is no proposal to set up new Ordnance factories in the country.