

>

Title: Need to establish Pinaka Rocket Unit in Ordnance Factory Badmal in Bolangir district, Odisha.

SHRI KALIKESH NARAYAN SINGH DEO (BOLANGIR): Ordnance Factory Badmal (OFBL) in Bolangir district of Odisha is spread across 12,200 acres. Currently, approximately 8000 acres of land has been utilised by OFBL which includes residential area of 2360 acres, 1770 acres of reserve forest and a dedicated Dumberbahal Water Reservoir in 1539 acres which can supply 6 Million Gallons daily. So, approximately 4000 acres of land is available in OFBL out of which 1900 acres is available at a stretch.

The Ordnance Factory Board has a proposal to establish Pinaka Rocket Unit and a committee has visited the OFBL and expressed satisfaction with the site.

The KBK Region is one of the poorest regions in the country with about 71% families living BPL. Also, the employment opportunities in this region are very limited. The OFBL employed around 4000 people currently and further employment can be generated for around 2500 if the proposed Pinaka Rocket Unit is established in the OFBL.