

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1761

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH FEBRUARY, 2019

RESTRUCTURING AND PRIVATISATION POLICY

1761. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ministry of defence is engaged in a policy transformation with regard to restructuring and privatisation policies;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has listed two army advanced base workshops and one static workshop for closure this year along with three ordnance depots and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether four army base workshops are scheduled to be handed over to private sector and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any consultations have been held with the representatives of employees in this matter in connection with retrenchment policies and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether it is a fact that the ministry of defence has declared at least 275 defence items as non-core and if so, the steps taken to address the concerns of the employees engaged in these sectors?

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MINISTER OF STATE
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(a) to (c): The Government had constituted an Expert Committee on enhancing combat capability and re-balancing defence expenditure under chairmanship of Lt. General DB Shekatkar (Retd). On the basis of recommendations of the Committee, the Government has decided to disband two Advance Base Workshops, one Static Workshop and four

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ordnance depots. Also, eight Army Base Workshops are recommended to be corporatized on Government Owned Contractor Operated (GOCO) model. The above decisions have been taken in the overall interest of the Army and the Nation.

(d) & (e): The functioning of different organizations including defence workshops has been reviewed and interaction held from time to time with stakeholders.

A decision has been taken in the Ministry to declare 275 items produced by Ordnance Factories as non-core, as these items can be easily procured by the Users from private players. No retrenchment of employees would take place as a result of this decision and the available manpower will be re-trained and re-skilled on voluntary basis to work in core areas of production as per their changed specialization.
