

(b) what is being done to see that the ex-servicemen get gainful employment;

(c) to what extent is the Government of Maharashtra cooperating in this regard;

(d) whether Government are aware that there is no proper coordination between the agencies of the State and the Central Government; and

(e) what is being done to see that there is proper coordination in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) As per available information, as on 31st December, 1993, there were 17,092 ex-servicemen registered for employment assistance with the Zila Sainik Boards in Maharashtra.

(b) Government have taken various steps to provide gainful employment opportunities to the ex-servicemen. These inter alia comprise reservation of posts in the Central and the State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings and Nationalised Banks and relaxation in the prescribed maximum age limits and educational qualifications for appointment of ex-servicemen. A variety of training programmes are conducted for ex-servicemen to improve their employment potential. Several schemes are also in operation to provide assistance to the ex-servicemen in self-employment ventures.

(c) The Government of Maharashtra is providing full cooperation in this regard.

(d) and (e) Proper and full cooperation exists between the agencies of the Central and State Governments.

Production in Ordnance factories

3111. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ordnance factories in India and the value of their production during the last three years;

(b) what are the parameters for judging their efficiency;

(c) to what extent they are being modernised; and

(d) whether their accounts have been audited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There are 39 ordnance factories in India. The gross value of production (including inter factory transfer of components) of these factories in the last three years has been as follows:—

| (Rs in Crores) | |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Year | Gross value of production |
| 1990-91 | 2319 |
| 1991-92 | 2178 |
| 1992-93 | 2387 |

(b) Major parameters for judging efficiency of ordnance factories are the value of production, productivity, inventory management and conformance to quality standards.

(c) Modernisation of ordnance factories is an on-going process and includes replacement and renewal of old plant and machinery and introduction of state-of-the-art technology in selected areas.

(d) Accounts of ordnance factories are audited by the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) and are also subject to statutory audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG).

Turnover of CSD

3112. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total turnover of the Canteen Stores Department during the last three years;

(b) what were the profits or losses of the department during these years; and