

(b) 21 cases of major irregularities involving 39 officials were reported between the years 2004 and 2008 in Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) as per following details:

Year	No. of cases
2004	6
2005	2
2006	2
2007	5
2008	6

(c) Two officials of OFB were placed under suspension and 6 officials of OFB are being prosecuted in Court. Details are as under:-

Suspension:

- (i) Shri H.C. Pant, Staff Officer, Ordnance Factory Cell, New Delhi.
- (ii) Shri J. Mallesham, Assistant Foreman (Tech), Ordnance Factory, Medak.

Prosecution:

- (i) Shri HC Pant, Staff Officer, Ordnance Factory Cell, New Delhi;
- (ii) Shri Girijesh Mathur, Works Manager, Gun Carriage Factory, Jabalpur;
- (iii) Shri P. Narasimhan, Jt General Manager, Heavy Vehicle Factory, Avadi;
- (iv) Shri BS Masure, Jt General Manager, Engine Factory, Avadi;
- (v) Shri J Sanmugam, Assistant Foreman, Engine Factory, Avadi;
- (vi) Shri J Mallesham, Assistant Foreman (Tech), Ordnance Factory, Medak.

Scam in purchase of ration at northern command headquarter

†1978. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a scam amounting to lacs of rupees in the name of procurement of ration at Northern Command Headquarters of Army has come to the notice of Government;
- (b) if so, the names of individuals found to be involved in this scam; and
- (c) the details of action contemplated by the Government against the officers, and owner of the company involved in this case?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) While no scam in procurement of ration has been reported recently at the Northern Command Headquarter, the CBI is investigating certain alleged irregularities in conclusion of local Wheat grinding contracts in that Command and has a registered a case.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.