

#### **Analysis of available defence land**

3157. SHRI N. BALAGANGA:

SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has analyzed the total defence lands available in the country;  
and

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such lands?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **New ordnance factory at Amethi, Uttar Pradesh**

3158. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to set up a new ordnance factory at Amethi in Uttar Pradesh at an investment of Rs. 408 crore by October, 2010;

(b) if so, the status of the project alongwith product profile;

(c) whether location of the factory at Field Gun Factory, Kanpur, where 118 acres of surplus land and residential buildings were available, was ignored, for favouring Amethi;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU):  
(a) Yes, Sir, a decision has been taken in year 2007 for setting up an Ordnance Factory at Korwa at an estimated investment of Rs. 408.01 crore by October, 2010.

(b) The constructions of most of the Shops, Buildings and Services have already been completed. An amount of Rs. 48 crores has been expended towards Civil Works till date. 25 nos. of Plant and Machineries have been tendered for procurement with an estimated value of Rs. 65 crores. Close Quarter Battle (CQB) Carbines are to be produced at OFPKR at a production rate of 45,000 per annum. Besides, 20,000 nos. of 5.56 mm INSAS Rifle and 5,000 nos. each of 0.32" pistols and Revolver and 0.30"-06 Sporting Rifles are also to be produced annually.

(c) No, Sir. The surplus FGK land can be better utilized by setting up manufacturing facilities that are consistent with the product mix of FGK as also for augmentation of capacity for high caliber guns only.

(d) Does not arise.

- (e) Does not arise.

**Cancellation of joint military exercise with Chinese army**

†3159. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programme of Indian Army for military exercise with China has been cancelled, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Indian army is aware that Chinese army has started trepidating Indian citizens by deploying modern missile after setting up its posts adjacent to Twang of north-east;

(c) if so, the preparedness in place to protect borders of north-east; and

(d) whether Indian army is ready for military exercise with American army?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No exercise was planned between the Armed Forces of India and China in 2010.

(b) and (c) Government is taking necessary measures to tackle all challenges to the security of the country.

(d) Conduct of exercises is a part of structured interactions between the Armed Forces of India and those of many countries. Joint exercises are conducted periodically with the Armed Forces of the US and various other countries also.

**Visa on arrival**

3160. SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to change policy and issue directions to issue Visas on arrival to foreign tourist in order to promote tourism in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard in near future since the inflow of foreign tourist has gone below the mark of Indian tourist going abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has *w.e.f.* 1.1.2010, introduced a "Tourist Visa-on-Arrival" scheme for citizens of five countries *viz.* Finland, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand and Singapore at four international airports in the country, *viz.* Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata. Assessment of success of the scheme is done periodically by Ministry of Home Affairs. The scheme is running smoothly and efforts have been made to make the scheme

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