

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2259
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th August, 2021

SPLITTING OF ORDNANCE FACTORY BOARD

2259 SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ordnance Factory Board with 41 manufacturing units which produce arms, ammunition and clothes for defence personnel has been split into seven corporate units;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the arms and ammunitions produced by Ordnance factories were of sub-standard resulting in accidents while using them in the field by defence personnel; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for the delay in taking such a decision much earlier and the mechanism now been worked out for the production of quality arms and ammunitions?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SHRI AJAY BHATT

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. To enhance functional autonomy, efficiency and unleash new growth potential and innovation in Ordnance Factories, the Government of India has decided to convert the production units of Ordnance Factory Board into 07 Defence Public Sector Undertakings. The details are at Annexure.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. OFB manufactures arms and ammunition following laid down specifications, after drawing a Quality Assurance (QA) plan provided by the Authorities Holding Sealed Particulars (Directorate General of Quality Assurance/Defence Research & Development Organisation) and supplies the same to the users after due inspection by DGQA. In spite of the above, accidents/defects do occur at the User end in certain cases. Major incidences are investigated through defect investigation mechanism by DGQA and remedial actions are taken as per the recommendations.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2259 FOR ANSWER ON 09.08.2021 REGARDING 'SPLITTING OF ORDNANCE FACTORY BOARD'.

Details of the 07 DPSUs

DPSU		Factory	
1.	Ammunition Explosives &	1.	Ammunition Factory Khadki
		2.	Cordite Factory Aruvankadu
		3.	High Energy Projectile Factory Tiruchirapalli
		4.	High Explosive Factory Khadki
		5.	Ordnance Factory Bhandara
		6.	Ordnance Factory Bolangir
		7.	Ordnance Factory Chanda Chandrapur
		8.	Ordnance Factory Dehu Road
		9.	Ordnance Factory Itarsi
		10.	Ordnance Factory Khamaria
		11.	Ordnance Factory Nalanda
		12.	Ordnance Factory Varangaon
2.	Vehicles	1.	Engine Factory Avadi
		2.	Heavy Vehicle Factory Avadi
		3.	Machine Tool Prototype Factory Ambernath
		4.	Ordnance Factory Medak
		5.	Vehicle Factory Jabalpur
3.	Weapons & Equipment	1.	Field Gun Factory Kanpur
		2.	Gun Carriage Factory Jabalpur
		3.	Gun and Shell Factory Cossipore
		4.	Ordnance Factory Kanpur
		5.	Ordnance Factory Project Korwa
		6.	Ordnance Factory Tiruchirapalli
		7.	Rifle Factory Ishapore
		8.	Small Arms Factory Kanpur

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4.	Troop Comfort Items (TCI)	1.	Ordnance Clothing Factory Avadi
		2.	Ordnance Clothing Factory Shahjahanpur
		3.	Ordnance Equipment Factory Kanpur
		4.	Ordnance Equipment Factory Hazratpur
5.	Ancillary	1.	Grey Iron Foundry Jabalpur
		2.	Metal and Steel Factory Ishapore
		3.	Ordnance Factory Ambernath
		4.	Ordnance Factory Ambajhari
		5.	Ordnance Factory Bhusawal
		6.	Ordnance Factory Dumdum
		7.	Ordnance Factory Katni
		8.	Ordnance Factory Muradnagar
6.	Opto-electronics	1.	Ordnance Factory Chandigarh
		2.	Ordnance Factory Dehradun
		3.	Opto-Electronics Factory Dehradun
7.	Parachute	1.	Ordnance Parachute Factory Kanpur
