

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2446**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2021

**CORPORATIZATION OF THE OFB**

2446 SHRI M.V. SHREYAMS KUMAR:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of ordnance factories in the country;
- (b) whether Government has dissolved the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) and transferred its assets, employees and management to companies;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the corporatization of the OFB; and
- (d) whether the assurances given to the employees in this context have not been fulfilled, if so, the details thereof and the stand of Government thereon?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

- (a) There are 41 Ordnance Factories under the 7 Defence Public Sector Undertakings.
- (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. To enhance functional autonomy, efficiency and unleash new growth potential and innovation in Ordnance Factories, the production units of Ordnance Factory Board have been converted into 7 Defence Public Sector Undertakings with 41 Units w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 (“Appointed Date”).
  - The Government of India has transferred, with effect from the Appointed Date, the management, control, operations and maintenance of these 41 units to 7 Government companies (wholly owned by the Government of India), namely (i) Munitions India

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Limited, (ii)Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited, (iii) Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited, (iv)Troop Comforts Limited, (v)Yantra India Limited, (vi)India Optel Limited, and (vii) Gliders India Limited(collectively “New DPSUs”) in respect of (a) production activities, viz production of arms, ammunitions, weapons, vehicles, defence equipment and non-defence equipment; and (b) identified non-production activities, as set out in Annexure-A. The Government of India has also transferred, with effect from the Appointed Date, the management, control, operations and maintenance of certain identified non-production units of OFB and identified surplus land at 16 production units of OFB to the Directorate of Ordnance (Coordination & Services) (“Directorate”) under the DDP, as set out in Annexure-B.

- On and with effect from the Appointed Date, OFB has ceased to exist as a body.
- The Government of India has also transferred all assets and liabilities of OFB to the new DPSUs and the Directorate as per the structure set out in Annexures A and B, with effect from the Appointed Date.
- All the employees of OFB (Group A, B & C) belonging to the production units and also the identified non-production units (as per the structure set out in Annexure A) have been transferred *en masse* to the new DPSUs on terms of foreign service without any deputation allowance (deemed deputation) initially for a period of two years from the Appointed Date.
- All the employees of OFB(Group A, B & C) belonging to OFB HQ (at Kolkata), OFB New Delhi Office, Ordnance Factory Schools and Ordnance Factory Hospitals (Group A, B & C), have been transferred *en masse* to the Directorate under DDP, initially for a period of two years from the Appointed Date.

(d) No, Sir. The Government is committed to safeguard the interests of the employees of erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), as mentioned at various forums including during interactions with the Federations. Accordingly the Government has taken the following steps:-

- Till such time, the employees remain on deemed deputation to the new DPSUs, they shall continue to be subject to all the extant rules, regulations and orders as are applicable to the Central Government servants, including related to their pay scales, allowances, leave, medical facilities, career progression and other service conditions.
- The pension liabilities of the retirees and existing employees will continue to be borne by the Government. For the employees recruited after 01.01.2004, National Pension Scheme applicable to the Central Government employees is in vogue and the same would be adopted by the new DPSUs, including continuation of all special provisions applicable to Central Government employees under the National Pension System.

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**ANNEXURE-A REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2446 FOR ANSWER ON 20.12.2021 REGARDING 'CORPORATIZATION OF THE OFB'.**

Structure for Transfer of Production Units and identified Non-Production Units to the 7 New  
DPSUs

Sl. No.	Name of transferring production unit	Name of transferee New DPSUs and main objectives / business
1.	Ammunition Factory Khadki	Munitions India Limited. This DPSU will be engaged in the business of manufacturing ammunition and explosives. Registered and corporate office: Ammunition Factory Khadki, Pune, Maharashtra, India, 411003
	Cordite Factory Aruvankadu	
	High Energy Projectile Factory Tiruchirappalli	
	High Explosive Factory Khadki	
	Ordnance Factory Bhandara	
	Ordnance Factory Bolangir	
	Ordnance Factory ChandaChandrapur	
	Ordnance Factory Dehu Road	
	Ordnance Factory Itarsi	
	Ordnance Factory Khamaria	
	Ordnance Factory Nalanda	
Ordnance Factory Varangaon		
2.	Engine Factory Avadi	Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited. This DPSU will be engaged in the business of manufacturing vehicles. Registered and corporate office: HVF Road, Bhaktavatsalapuram, Avadi, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, 600054
	Heavy Vehicle Factory Avadi	
	Machine Tool Prototype Factory Ambarnath	
	Ordnance Factory Medak	
	Vehicle Factory Jabalpur	
3.	Field Gun Factory Kanpur	Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited. This DPSU will be engaged in the business of manufacturing weapons and equipment. Registered and corporate office: Ordnance Factory Kanpur, Kalpi Road, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India, 208009
	Gun Carriage Factory Jabalpur	
	Gun and Shell Factory Cossipore	
	Ordnance Factory Kanpur	
	Ordnance Factory Project Korwa	
	Ordnance Factory Tiruchirappalli	
	Rifle Factory Ishapore	
	Small Arms Factory Kanpur	

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4.	Ordnance Clothing Factory Avadi	Troop Comforts Limited.
	Ordnance Clothing Factory Shahjahanpur	This DPSU will be engaged in the business of manufacturing troop comfort items. Registered and corporate office: C/o Ordnance Factory Equipment, Headquarter G T Road, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India, 208013
	Ordnance Equipment Factory Kanpur	
	Ordnance Equipment Factory Hazratpur	
5.	Grey Iron Foundry Jabalpur	Yantra India Limited.
	Metal and Steel Factory Ishapore	This DPSU will be engaged in the business of manufacturing Military Grade components and Ancillary products. Registered and corporate office: C/o The General Manager Ordnance Factory, Ambajhari Amravati Road Ambajhari, Nagpur, Maharashtra, India, 440021
	Ordnance Factory Ambernath	
	Ordnance Factory Ambajhari	
	Ordnance Factory Bhusawal	
	Ordnance Factory Dumdum	
	Ordnance Factory Katni	
	Ordnance Factory Muradnagar	
6.	Ordnance Cable Factory Chandigarh	India Optel Limited.
	Ordnance Factory Dehradun	This DPSU will be engaged in the business of manufacturing opto-electronic items. Registered and corporate office: C/o Opto Electronic Factory, Raipur, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India, 248008
	Opto-Electronics Factory Dehradun	
7.	Ordnance Parachute Factory Kanpur	Gliders India Limited. This DPSU will be engaged in the business of manufacturing parachutes. Registered and corporate office: C/o Ordnance Factory Equipment Headquarter, G T Road, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India, 208005

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Sl no	Name of transferring non-production unit	Name of transferee New DPSUs
1.	Ordnance Factories Institute of Learning, Khamaria	Munitions India Limited
	National Academy of Defence Production, Ambajhari	
	Regional Controllerate of Safety Pune.	
	Regional Marketing Centre, Pune	
2.	Ordnance Factories Institute of Learning, Ambernath	Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited
	Ordnance Factories Institute of Learning, Avadi	
	Ordnance Factories Institute of Learning, Medak	
	Regional Controllerate of Safety, Avadi	
	Regional Marketing Centre, Chennai	
	AV Head Quarter, Avadi	
	OFB Mumbai Office	
3.	Ordnance Factories Institute of Learning, Ishapore	Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited
	Regional Controllerate of Safety, Kanpur	
4.	Ordnance Factories Institute of Learning, Kanpur*	Troop Comforts Limited
	OEF Head Quarter, Kanpur	
5.	Ordnance Factories Institute of Learning, Ambajhari	Yantra India Limited
	Regional Controllerate of Safety, Ambajhari	
	Regional Controllerate of Safety, Ishapore	
	Ordnance Factory Recruitment Centre located in NADP premises at Ambajhari	
	Regional Marketing Centre, New Delhi	
6.	Ordnance Factories Institute of Learning, Dehradun	India Optel Limited

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Sl. No.	Name of the asset	Name of transferee New DPSUs and % of paid-up equity share capital of the asset
1.	Indo-Russia Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL)	Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited; 42.5% of the paid-up equity share capital of IRRPL
		Munitions India Limited; 8% of the paid-up equity share capital of IRRPL

\*Ordnance Factories Institute of Learning, Kanpur would continue to cater to the training needs of the staff of Gliders India Limited.

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**ANNEXURE-B REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2446 FOR ANSWER ON 20.12.2021 REGARDING 'CORPORATIZATION OF THE OFB'.**

Structure for Transfer of identified Non-Production Units and Surplus Land to the Directorate of Ordnance (Coordination & Services)

Sl. No.	Name of transferring non-production unit	
1.	Ordnance Factory Hospitals independent dispensaries	Metal and Steel Factory Ishapore
		Ammunition Factory Khadki
		Ordnance Factory Kanpur
		Ordnance Factory Khamaria
		Gun and Shell Factory Cossipore
		Ordnance Equipment Factory Kanpur
		Ordnance Clothing Factory Shahjahanpur
		Gun Carriage Factory Jabalpur
		Vehicle Factory Jabalpur
		Heavy Vehicle Factory Avadi
		Ordnance Factory Ambernath
		Cordite Factory Aruvankadu
		Ordnance Factory Medak
		Ordnance Factory Muradnagar
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		Ordnance Factory Ambajhari
		Ordnance Factory Varangaon
		Ordnance Factory Dehradun
		Ordnance Factory Katni
		Ordnance Factory Tiruchirappalli
		Ordnance Factory Itarsi
		Ordnance Factory Dehu Road
		Ordnance Factory Bolangir
		Ordnance Factory Bhusawal
		Ordnance Cable Factory Chandigarh
		Ordnance Equipment Factory Hazratpur
		Ordnance Factory Project Nalanda
		Ordnance Factory Project Korwa
2.	Ordnance Factory schools	Ordnance Factory Bhandara
		Ordnance Factory Ambarnath
		Ordnance Factory Ambajhari
		Ordnance Factory Bhusawal
		Ordnance Factory Chandrapur
		Ordnance Factory Varangaon
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		Ordnance Factory Katni
		Gun Carriage Factory Jabalpur
		Ordnance Factory Khamaria
		Vehicle Factory Jabalpur
		Cordite Factory Aruvankadu
		Ordnance Factory Tiruchirappalli
		Ordnance Clothing Factory Avadi
		Ordnance Factory Badmal
		Gun and Shell Factory Cossipore
		Metal and Steel Factory Ishapore
		Rifle Factory Ishapore
		Ordnance Factory Dum Dum
		Ordnance Factory Muradnagar
		Ordnance Clothing Factory Shajahanpur
		Ordnance Equipment Factory Kanpur
		Ordnance Factory Kanpur
		Ordnance Factory Dehradun
3.	Ordnance Factory Board Head Quarter Units	OFB Head Quarter (located at Kolkata) and OFB New Delhi Office

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| 4. | <p>Identified surplus land of 3152.11 acres located at 16 Ordnance factories, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Ordnance Factory Bhandara: 420 acres</li><li>(b) Ordnance Factory Ambernath: 168.32 acres</li><li>(c) Ordnance Factory Ambajhari: 552 acres</li><li>(d) Ordnance Factory Varangaon: 140 acres</li><li>(e) Ordnance Factory Itarsi: 585 acres</li><li>(f) Ordnance Factory Katni: 45 acres</li><li>(g) Gun Carriage Factory Jabalpur: 168 acres</li><li>(h) Ordnance Factory Khamaria: 307 acres</li><li>(i) High Energy Projectile Factory Tiruchirappalli: 288.55 acres</li><li>(j) Ordnance Factory Tiruchirappalli: 160 acres</li><li>(k) Heavy Vehicle Factory Avadi: 43.81 acres</li><li>(l) Ordnance Factory Medak: 36 acres</li><li>(m) Metal and Steel Factory Ishapore: 36.09 acres</li><li>(n) Ordnance Factory Muradnagar: 87.35 acres</li><li>(o) Ordnance Clothing Factory Shahjahanpur: 52.02 acres</li><li>(p) Ordnance Factory Kanpur: 62.97 acres</li></ul> |
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