

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PRODUCTION OF SUB-STANDARD MACHINES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Machine Tool Prototype Factory at Ambarnath is designated to produce components for T-72 Tanks/ICV's etc;
- (b) whether the said factory has produced sub-standard machines for sister factories worth Rs. 6.47 crores that were rejected;
- (c) whether the commitments in meeting the demands from civil trade also fell below target;
- (d) the officials held responsible for these lapses and the action taken against them; and
- (e) the steps taken to prevent such recurrences in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The recent report of CAG has brought out that 11 machines worth Rs. 6.47 crore, supplied by Machine Tool Prototype Factory between 1998 and 2001 to other sister factories had quality problems and could not be put to use. All these machines, except two, have since been commissioned after rectification. The remaining two machines have also been rectified/modified and are now awaiting inspection.
- (c) Machine Tool Prototype Factory has been manufacturing products for civil sector to utilize its spare capacity. The factory has not been able to meet its civil trade target for several years. The factory has, however, achieved the target for civil trade during 2002-2003.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) To avoid recurrence of defects, machines are put to static trials and job trials before despatch to the users.