

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1853  
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DESTRUCTION OF AMMUNITION IN FIRE AT BHARATPUR  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the destruction of over 3000 tonnes of explosives in 400 acre ammunition depot in Bharatpur is to affect army's preparedness for offensive strike in desert and also retard its ongoing post Kargil modernisation drive; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make up the losses?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The losses suffered in the fire are being made up by procurement from the Ordnance Factories and ex- import.