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UTILISATION OF ARMY BASE WORKSHOPS CAPACITY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Army Base Workshops (ABWs) could overhaul only 10 Bofors artillery guns as against the target of 20 Bofors artillery guns per annum;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that the ABWs were able to achieve only 32 to 60 per cent of their capacity but reported 100 per cent and even more utilisation of capacity;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has inquired the matter to find out the reasons for not using full capacity and to achieve the targets fixed;
- (d) if so, the details of the finding thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to improve the working of ABWs and to ensure that the targets fixed will be achieved cent per cent?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b): 506 Army Base Workshop (ABW) is the only overhaul agency for 155 MM Bofors artillery guns. The Workshop commenced Pilot overhaul of the guns in 2000-2001, which continued till 2002-2003. They took up regular overhaul of the guns from 2003-2004. ABW achieved its target of overhaul of 5 guns in 2003-2004 and 10 guns in 2004-2005.
- (c) & (d): Does not arise.
- (e) The following steps have been taken:
- (i) Modernisation of the Army Base Workshops.
 - (ii) Implementation of the Quality Index System, as practised in the corporate sector, for enhancing quality.
 - (iii) Institutionalized monitoring mechanism to obviate shortfalls in targets.