

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1480  
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2005  
SAFETY OF AMMUNITION DEPOT  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that three high tension cables running at a short distance as against the laid down distance over the 17 Field Ammunition Depot located at Vaddoval of Ludhiana district in Punjab are causing danger to the said Depot;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the preventive measures taken by the Government to ensure safety of the Depot?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1480 FOR 1.12.2005

Three High Tension Cables are running at a distance of around 250 meters from the 17 Field Ammunition Depot located at Baddoval, Ludhiana, Punjab on the Ludhiana-Ferozepur highway, against the laid down distance norm of 1145 meters from the Depot. Therefore, the Depot has taken up a case with the Punjab State Electricity Board (PSEB) for realignment of the High Tension Cables.

Following preventive steps have been taken to ensure safety and security of the Depot:-

- (a) Depot regularly updates safety and security instructions.
- (b) Depot is periodically inspected by a Board of Officers to check adequacy of safety and security arrangements.
- (c) Fire fighting equipment has been increased and defective equipment repaired.
- (d) Unserviceable ammunition is being disposed of on priority.
- (e) Additional funds have been allotted for creation of more Explosive Stores Houses for shifting ammunition, presently stored on open plinths under canvas, to augment safety and security.