

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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FUNCTIONAL AUTONOMY TO OFB  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to give more functional autonomy to Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) on the pattern of Railway Board;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Ordnance Factory Board is a dedicated organization of the Ministry of Defence to manufacture arms and ammunitions for the Armed Forces as per their requirement. Requisite functional autonomy has been given to Ordnance Factory Board to meet the above objective. The requirement of autonomy is reviewed continuously and is enhanced as and when required. The autonomy to Ordnance Factory Board is not strictly on the pattern of Railway Board due to the different functional requirements of these organizations.

(c) Does not arise.