

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of one tonne capacity vehicles in Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur is under consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the sectors for which the said vehicles are likely to be manufactured;
- (c) whether the Government has considered all the factors like availability of market;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard;
- (e) whether the Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur has stopped the production of Jonga vehicles and such vehicles are being manufactured in other factories in the country;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the future plan of the Government to re-start the manufacturing of Jonga vehicles in the Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) & (b): Yes Sir, Vehicle Factory Jabalpur is exploring feasibility of developing a 1/1.5 tonne vehicle primarily to meet the requirement of Indian Army.
- (c) & (d): The possibility of developing variants of this vehicle for civilian use will be explored subsequently.
- (e) & (f): The production of Jonga vehicles in Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur was stopped from 1997-1998 onwards, because of the changes in the requirement of the Armed Forces.
- (g) There is no such proposal at present.