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ORDNANCE FACTORIES JABALPUR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ordnance Factories at Jabalpur are facing the problem due to lack of work;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Out of 4 factories located at Jabalpur, 2 factories, namely Ordnance Factory, Khamaria (OFK) and Gun Carriage Factory (GCF), have adequate workload and there is no lack of work. However, due to reduction in the requirement of army vehicles, the workload of other two factories i.e. Vehicle Factory (VFJ) and Grey Iron Factory (GIF) has been reduced.

(c) To exploit available capacity of VFJ and GIF, Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) is making continuous efforts to secure orders for more numbers of vehicles from Defence forces. Endeavours are also being made to secure orders from Non-Defence customers, like Ministry of Home Affairs. Besides, different types of vehicle variants are being developed at VFJ, which may create more demand of vehicles in Defence sector, if successful. As GIF is supplying various vehicle castings to VFJ, the successful development of new vehicles may also create more work for GIF. However, in order to exploit capacity at GIF, manufacture of various ammunition packages and casting of Hand Grenade bodies, are also being undertaken at present.