

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2709
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004
MODERNISATION OF CENTRAL ORDNANCE DEPOTS AND FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether experts have suggested modernisation of all central ordnance depots and factories;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to undertake or have undertaken modernisation of all Central Ordnance Depots and factories in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of concrete measures taken so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2709 FOR 16.12.2004

Government of India have decided to modernize all the seven Central Ordnance Depots located at Agra, Mumbai, Chheoki, Delhi Cantonment, Dehu Road, Jabalpur and Kanpur in a phased manner. However, to begin with modernization of Central Ordnance Depot, Kanpur involving an expenditure of Rs. 187 crores approximately has been taken up. This project is at an advance stage of completion. The detailed project reports in respect of the Ordnance Depots at Agra and Jabalpur are also under finalization.

The modernization of Central Ordnance Depot Kanpur covers state-of- the-art warehousing facilities which include higher vertical space utilization, automated material handling, a computerized inventory management system and installation of state-of-the-art fire prevention, fire fighting and security systems.

Modernization of infrastructure in Ordnance Factories is a continuous process. A perspective plan has been drawn up in consultation with the major indentors to cater to the needs of existing and new products to be inducted into the Services up to the Xth Plan period. A capital investment of Rs. 1062 crores for procurement of plant and machinery with updated technology has been made during IXth Plan period. Further investment of Rs. 1804 crores up to the end of the Xth Plan period has been planned.