

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UPGRADATION AND MODERNIZATION OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken by the Government for upgradation and modernization of various ordnance factories engaged in defence production in the country along with the funds allocated for the purpose during the 12th Plan period;
- (b) whether adequate measures have been taken for the safety of employees working in such ordnance factories;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether defence equipment manufactured domestically have been found defective; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Upgradation and modernization of Ordnance Factories are carried out on a regular basis. Allocation of funds is done on an annual basis. The allocation towards modernization and the expenditure incurred in the first three years of the 12th Plan are as follows:-

Year	Allocation (Rs. in Crore)	Expenditure (Rs. in Crore)
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2012-13	828.57	771.49
2013-14	1157.92	1156.15
2014-15	1661.71	207.17

(till June 2014)

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) The following safety measures are in place for the safety of employees of Ordnance Factories:

- (i) Issue of Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs) to individual employees engaged in hazardous operations.
- (ii) Implementation of Centre for Fire Explosive and Environment Safety guidelines in storage and transportation of explosives in Ammunition filling and Explosive factories.
- (iii) Regular training of employees on various aspects of safety.
- (iv) Participative Management in promoting safety.
- (v) Regular monitoring of implementation of safety measures through Safety Audit.

(d) & (e): A few cases of defects in defence equipment manufactured indigenously by Ordnance Factories have been reported by the User. These include operational difficulty in use of equipment and accidents while using the ammunition / weapon. The defects reported are addressed through a structured mechanism and corrective steps are taken to avoid such problems in future.