

Title: Regarding ammunition accident at Central Ordnance Depot, Jabalpur, on 6th August, 2001.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): There was a minor ammunition related accident, in the Laboratory, located in Ammunition Technical Area (ATA), of the Central Ordnance Depot (COD), Jabalpur, on 6th August, 2001 at approximately 2.30 p.m. ...(*Interruptions*)

Unserviceable ammunition, which was being broken down prior to its disposal, ignited, resulting in some of that unserviceable ammunition, containing pellets, incendiary in nature, igniting. ...(*Interruptions*) The activity of breakdown of unserviceable ammunition does involve degrees of such risk. That is why it is under taken in a Laboratory. ...(*Interruptions*)

There was no loss to life. The fire was localised only to the ammunition laboratory. It was brought under control within half an hour. ...(*Interruptions*)