

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.661
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th July, 2021

CORPORATIZATION OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES

661 SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:

SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to corporatize Ordnance factories;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether trade unions and other stakeholders have objected to such move, fearing job loss and terms of employment affected adversely and are intending to go on a mass strike;
- (d) if so, whether Government had convened meetings, negotiations with the trade unions and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) whether any assurance was given that till the issue is resolved amicably, the process of corporatization would be kept in abeyance; and
- (f) if not, the details of manner in which Government is convincing the stakeholders, especially employees for cooperation?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SHRI AJAY BHATT

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. To enhance functional autonomy, efficiency and unleash new growth potential and innovation in Ordnance Factories, the Government has decided to convert the production units of Ordnance Factory Board into 07 Defence Public Sector Undertakings. The details are at Annexure.

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(c) Yes, Sir. The OFB employees' Federations and Associations have opposed the Government decision to corporatize OFB. The employees' Federations have intimated vide letter dated 29.06.2021 that they would serve strike notice on 08.07.2021 and would commence indefinite strike from 26.07.2021. However, no such notice has been received till date.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Government has held various discussions with the OFB employees' Federations and Associations regarding the corporatisation of OFB under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Defence Production). Their concerns and suggestions were noted. Their main concern about safeguarding the interests of the employees of OFB has been adequately addressed. It is pertinent to mention that Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) also held discussions with Government & OFB Federations as part of the conciliation process under the Industrial Disputes Act 1947.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Regular interactions are being held with the stakeholders by the Government. The Defence Minister also held meeting with the recognised Defence Civilian employees' Federations on 16.07.2021 and appealed them to continue discussions with the Department.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 661 FOR ANSWER ON 26.07.2021 REGARDING 'CORPORATIZATION OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES'.

Details of the 07 DPSUs

DPSU		Ordnance Factory	
1.	Ammunition & Explosives	1.	Ammunition Factory Khadki
		2.	Cordite Factory Aruvankadu
		3.	High Energy Projectile Factory Tiruchirapalli
		4.	High Explosive Factory Khadki
		5.	Ordnance Factory Bhandara
		6.	Ordnance Factory Bolangir
		7.	Ordnance Factory Chanda Chandrapur
		8.	Ordnance Factory Dehu Road
		9.	Ordnance Factory Itarsi
		10.	Ordnance Factory Khamaria
		11.	Ordnance Factory Nalanda
		12.	Ordnance Factory Varangaon
2.	Vehicles	1.	Engine Factory Avadi
		2.	Heavy Vehicle Factory Avadi
		3.	Machine Tool Prototype Factory Ambarnath
		4.	Ordnance Factory Medak
		5.	Vehicle Factory Jabalpur
3.	Weapons & Equipment	1.	Field Gun Factory Kanpur
		2.	Gun Carriage Factory Jabalpur
		3.	Gun and Shell Factory Cossipore
		4.	Ordnance Factory Kanpur
		5.	Ordnance Factory Project Korwa
		6.	Ordnance Factory Tiruchirapalli
		7.	Rifle Factory Ishapore
		8.	Small Arms Factory Kanpur
4.	Troop Comfort Items (TCI)	1.	Ordnance Clothing Factory Avadi
		2.	Ordnance Clothing Factory Shahjahanpur
		3.	Ordnance Equipment Factory Kanpur
		4.	Ordnance Equipment Factory Hazratpur

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5.	Ancillary	1.	Grey Iron Foundry Jabalpur
		2.	Metal and Steel Factory Ishapore
		3.	Ordnance Factory Ambarnath
		4.	Ordnance Factory Ambajhari
		5.	Ordnance Factory Bhusawal
		6.	Ordnance Factory Dumdum
		7.	Ordnance Factory Katni
		8.	Ordnance Factory Muradnagar
6.	Opto-electronics	1.	Ordnance Factory Chandigarh
		2.	Ordnance Factory Dehradun
		3.	Opto-Electronics Factory Dehradun
7.	Parachute	1.	Ordnance Parachute Factory Kanpur
