

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 841
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th July, 2022

CORPORATISATION OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES

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Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of ordnance factories in the country, including Rajasthan and the State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has decided to corporatise the ordnance factories;
- (c) whether these 41 ordnance factories are proposed to be converted into seven corporations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the reaction of employees/unions/federations/organisations in this regard;
- (f) whether Government has conducted any study of the nation's security and defence preparations and the interests of the employees working in the said factories; and
- (g) if so, the details of the likely impact thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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- (a): There are 41 Ordnance Factories in the country. However, there is no Ordnance Factory in the state of Rajasthan. The state-wise list is attached as Annexure-A.
- (b) to (d): In pursuance of the decision of the Union Cabinet on 16th June, 2021 to enhance functional autonomy, efficiency and unleash new growth potential and innovation in Ordnance Factories, the production units of Ordnance Factory Board have been converted into 7 Defence Public Sector Undertakings (wholly owned by the Government of India) namely (i) Munitions India Limited, (ii) Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited, (iii) Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited, (iv) Troop Comforts Limited, (v) Yantra India Limited, (vi) India Optel Limited, and (vii) Gliders India Limited with 41 units, with effect from 1st October 2021 ("The Appointed Date"). The details are attached as Annexure-B.
- (e): Many Federations, Associations and unions of employees of erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board have represented against the decision of Government to corporatize Ordnance Factory Board.

(f) & (g): The Department had selected M/s KPMG Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd (Lead Consortium Member) along with M/s Khaitan & Co. Ltd as other Consortium Member, as the Consultancy Agency for providing strategic and implementation management consulting services to assist the Department in the process of corporatization of the Ordnance Factory Board, including on Human Resource related matters. The Government has taken the following steps to protect the interests of employees and workers of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB):-

- (i) All the employees of OFB (Group A, B & C) belonging to the production units and also the identified non-production units have been transferred enmasse to the New DPSUs on terms of foreign service, without any deputation allowance (deemed deputation) initially for a period of two years from the Appointed Date.
- (ii) Till such time, the employees remain on deemed deputation to the new DPSUs, they shall continue to be subject to all the extant rules, regulations and orders as are applicable to the Central Government servants, including related to their pay scales, allowances, leave, medical facilities, career progression and other service conditions.
- (iii) All the employees of OFB (Group A, B & C) belonging to OFB Headquarters (at Kolkata), OFB New Delhi Office, OF Schools and OF Hospitals have been transferred enmasse to the Directorate of Ordnance (Coordination & Services) under the Department of Defence Production, initially for a period of two years from the Appointed Date.
- (iv) The pension liabilities of the retirees and existing employees will continue to be borne by the Government. For the employees recruited after 01.01.2004, National Pension Scheme applicable to the Central Government employees is in vogue and the same has been adopted by the New DPSUs, including continuation of all special provisions applicable to Central Government employees under the National Pension System.

ANNEXURE-A REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 841 FOR ANSWER ON 25.07.2022 REGARDING 'CORPORATISATION OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES'.

The state-wise list of Ordnance Factories.

Sl. No.	Factories	State
1	Ordnance Factory Chandigarh	Union Territory Chandigarh
2	Ordnance Factory Nalanda	Bihar
3	Ordnance Factory Katni	Madhya Pradesh
4	Vehicle Factory Jabalpur	
5	Grey Iron Foundry Jabalpur	
6	Gun Carriage Factory, Jabalpur	
7	Ordnance Factory Khamaria	
8	Ordnance Factory Itarsi	
9	Machine Tool Prototype Factory, Ambernath	Maharastra
10	Ordnance Factory Ambernath	
11	Ammunition Factory Khadki	
12	High Explosive Factory, Khadki	
13	Ordnance Factory Dehu Road	
14	Ordnance Factory Bhandara	
15	Ordnance Factory Chandrapur	
16	Ordnance Factory Varangaon	
17	Ordnance Factory Bhusawal	
18	Ordnance Factory Ambajhari	
19	Ordnance Factory Bolangir	Odisha
20	Heavy Vehicle Factory, Avadi	Tami Nadu
21	Ordnance Clothing Factory, Avadi	
22	Engine Factory Avadi	
23	Ordnance Factory Tiruchirapalli	
24	High Energy Projectile Factory, Tiruchirapalli	
25	Cordite Factory Aruvankadu	
26	Ordnance Factory Medak	Telengana
27	Ordnance Factory Dehradun	Uttarakhand
28	Opto Electronics Factory, Dehradun	
29	Ordnance Factory Muradnagar	Uttar Pradesh
30	Ordnance Clothing Factory Shahjahanpur	
31	Ordnance Equipment Factory Hazratpur	
32	Ordnance Factory Kanpur	

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33	Small Arms Factory, Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh
34	Field Gun Factory Kanpur	
35	Ordnance Equipment Factory Kanpur	
36	Ordnance Parachute Factory, Kanpur	
37	Ordnance Factory Project Korwa	
38	Rifle Factory Ishapore	West Bengal
39	Metal and Steel Factory Ishapore	
40	Gun and Shell Factory Cossipore	
41	Ordnance Factory Dumdum	

ANNEXURE-B REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 841 FOR ANSWER ON 25.07.2022 REGARDING 'CORPORATISATION OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES'.

Details of 7 DPSUs

Sl.No.	DPSU	Sl.No.	Factories
1	Munition India Limited (MIL) Ammunition & Explosive) Headquarter- Khadki, Pune	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	Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVANI) (Vehicles) Avadi, Chennai	1	Engine Factory Avadi
		2	Heavy Vehicle Factory, Avadi
		3	Machine Tool Prototype Factory, Ambernath
		4	Ordnance Factory Medak
		5	Vehicle Factory Jabalpur
3	Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWE India) (Weapons & Equipment) Headquarter- Kanpur	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 Comforts Limited (TCL) (Troop Comfort Items) Headquarter- Kanpur	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	Yantra India Limited (YIL) (Ancillary) Headquarter-Nagpur	1	Grey Iron Foundry Jabalpur
		2	Metal and Steel Factory Ishapore
		3	Ordnance Factory Ambernath
		4	Ordnance Factory Ambajhari
		5	Ordnance Factory Bhusawal
		6	Ordnance Factory Dumdum
		7	Ordnance Factory Katni
		8	Ordnance Factory Muradnagar
6	India Optel Limited (IOL) (Opto-Electronics) Headquarter-Dehradun	1	Ordnance Factory Chandigarh
		2	Ordnance Factory Dehradun
		3	Opto Electronics Factory, Dehradun
7	Gliders India Limited (GIL) (Parachute) Headquarter-Kanpur	1	Ordnance Parachute Factory, Kanpur
