

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1724
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th August 2025

UNDERUTILIZATION OF FUNDS FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE BY DGQA

1724 SHRI AJAY MAKAN:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for the consistent underutilization of funds allocated for the modernisation and strengthening of the Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA);
- (b) the manner in which this impacts its ability to perform its critical mandate;
- (c) whether Government will ensure that the reduced budgetary allocations in the current fiscal year do not adversely affect the smooth functioning and capacity building of the DGQA; and
- (d) the steps Government is taking to ensure optimal and uniform utilisation of funds for DGQA throughout the financial year, rather than surrendering unspent amounts at the end?

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MINISTER OF STATE
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(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

- (a) The underutilization of funds to DGQA was due to unforeseen delays in fructification of few projects on account of restructuring of DGQA, corporatization of Ordnance Factory Board, underutilization of funds for DefExpo/Aero India etc.
- (b) There is no impact on the organisation's ability to perform its critical mandate as sufficient funds were available for discharge of its mandate and execution of important projects.
- (c) The allotted fund is sufficient for smooth functioning and capacity building of DGQA Organisation. Notwithstanding, the Revised Estimates/Modified Appropriation stage is available in case of any additional requirement of funds.
- (d) The expenditure planning has been strengthened at unit as well as Headquarter level. Funds are released, on a quarterly basis and stringent monthly monitoring is being carried out to ensure optimal/judicious utilization of funds and uniform distribution of expenditure throughout the year.
