

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1664

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH NOVEMBER, 2016

QUALITY OF AMMUNITION

1664. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ammunitions produced by the Ordnance Factories are of poor quality and are being rendered unserviceable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) to (c): Ordnance Factories manufacture ammunition as per the laid-down specifications, Drawings and Quality Assurance (QA) Plan. The ammunition is supplied after due testing and fulfilling required quality parameters.

It is rendered unserviceable due to a number of factors as mentioned below:

- (i) Handling of ammunition during usage.
- (ii) Conditions of storage of the ammunition.
- (iii) Handling of ammunition during its transportation.
- (iv) Expiry of the shelf life of its components.
- (v) Manufacturing defects; and
- (vi) Design defects.

A committee headed by Authority Holding Sealed Particulars (AHSP) representative consisting of all stakeholders investigates all cases reported for defects by the user during exploitation and the remedial measures / corrective actions suggested by the committee are implemented.
