## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION LOK SABHA

## **UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4159**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2017

## **DHANUSH TANK**

4159. SHRI RAKESH SINGH: SHRI A. ANWHAR RAAJHAA:

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

- (a) whether sub-standard spare parts have been purchased for Dhanush Tank in gun carriage factory, Jabalpur and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether irregularities have been noticed in the purchase of spare parts for Dhanush Tank;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the enquiry ordered to probe in the matter; and
- (d) the action taken against the guilty persons / officers?

## A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) to (d): An anonymous complaint was lodged in one case of procurement of 06 Wire Race Roller Bearing purchased from M/s Sidh Sales Syndicate, Delhi by Gun Carriage Factory, Jabalpur for being fitted in the 155 mm Gun Dhanush. These bearings were supposed to be manufactured by M/s. CRB, Germany but prima facie investigations have revealed that the bearings supplied by M/s Sidh Sales Syndicate, Delhi were manufactured by a Chinese firm, M/s. Sino United Industries (Luyang) Ltd., Henan, China and not by M/s. CRB, Germany. No evidence of any complicity pertaining to Gun Carriage Factory (GCF) officials in the aforesaid alleged forgery was found during enquiry by Chief Vigilance Officer, Ordnance Factory Board [CVO / OFB]. Also there is no adverse observation regarding quality of bearings. For more detailed enquiry, OFB has further referred the case to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Economic Wing as per recommendation of CVO / OFB. CBI has registered an FIR and is investigating the matter.

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