

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

STARRED QUESTION NO.78

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH FEBRUARY, 2018

MANUFACTURING OF SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION

*78. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:
SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government had conducted company validation procedure through Defence Attache in Slovakia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of the proposed project for the manufacture of small arms and ammunition under the 'Make in India' programme;
- (c) whether the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has given any reply to the Government in this regard and to expedite the process of approval and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is delay in according approval to any such company which was given approval / recommendation by the OFB particularly for the manufacture of small arms and ammunition under the 'Make in India' programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to accord approval to such company / project?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE		(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
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(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 78 FOR ANSWER ON 7.2.2018

(a) In the last three years, no verification of firms was conducted for manufacture of Small Arms through our Defence Attache in Slovakia.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) had floated a Request for Information (RFI) to identify Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for selection of a technological partner for manufacture of small arms, under 'Make in India' programme. Based on the above, OFB forwarded a proposal for approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be signed with an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for co-operation. At present, OFB does not have any Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for selection of a technological partner. Therefore, Ministry of Defence has returned the proposal to OFB to finalise a SOP for selection of a technological partner.
