

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3014
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH MARCH, 2018

SMALL ARMS

3014. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of small arms produced and supplied by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) to the military;
- (b) whether OFB is able to meet the requirement of our armed forces both quantitatively and qualitatively;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) to (d): Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has produced and supplied 27.08 lakh (approx.) of Small Arms of various types to the Indian Armed Forces. OFB supplies small arms to our Armed Forces conforming to relevant General Staff Qualitative Requirement (GSQR) of small arms and after getting it duly cleared by Director General Quality Assurance (DGQA), a dedicated quality inspecting agency of the Indian Army for its quality. The present capacity of OFB is to manufacture approximately 1 lakh small arms per year. However, in view of the operational urgency of Indian Armed Forces, Ministry of Defence has accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AON) for procuring 7.62mm Assault Rifle, Close Quarter Battle Carbine and 7.62mm LMG under Fast Track Procedure (FTP).
