

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4020**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

**ACCIDENTS IN ORDNANCE FACTORY KHAMARIA**

4020. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the accidents have increased in Ordnance Factory Khamaria located in Jabalpur, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any enquiry has been made on the recent incident of explosion due to fire caught by the ammunition container;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the loss of life and property in the said accident;
- (d) whether the Government is likely to take comprehensive steps for ensuring safety in view of the increasing accidents in the said factory; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): No, Sir. Though all possible care is taken in handling various kinds of highly sensitive and hazardous explosives, for safe working of employees, there have been certain incidents of accidents reported. The data for last 10 years reflects that the numbers of accidents per year have not increased in the recent past. The data for last 10 years is given below: -

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Accidents
01	2023	03-Till 16/03/2023
02	2022	06
03	2021	NIL
04	2020	03
05	2019	03
06	2018	11
07	2017	10
08	2016	06
09	2015	08
10	2014	08

(b) & (c): An incident of fire was reported at the Explosives Depot Khamaria of Ordnance Factory Khamaria on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2023. No injury or loss of life and property has been reported during the incident. A Board of Enquiry has been constituted to find the probable reasons leading to the incident.

(d) & (e): The compliance of General Safety Directives (GSD) is an integrated part of the ammunition production activity at Ordnance Factory Khamaria. No production, storage or handling is carried out unless there is approved GSD for that activity. There is an institutional mechanism of four-levels of safety audit by different agencies, including annual safety audit by Centre for Fire, Explosive and Environment Safety (CFEES), New Delhi, to find out any non-compliance. The observations and recommendations made during the safety audits are reviewed monthly by the Central Safety Committee chaired by the General Manager of the unit and is attended by the workers' representatives as well.

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