

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2615
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th August, 2021

DEFENCE CLUSTER

2615. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received proposal from the Madhya Pradesh Government with regard to the development of a Defence cluster in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop a Defence cluster in Jabalpur to promote industrial development of entire skill industry and employment opportunities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2615 FOR ANSWER ON 04.08.2021 REGARDING 'DEFENCE CLUSTER'.

(a) to (d): Though a letter dated 12/07/2021 has been received from Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh requesting to develop a Defence MSME Cluster at Jabalpur and Itarsi, however, no detailed proposal has been received from Government of Madhya Pradesh. In this context, the Government of India has already opened up the defence sector for private/public participation and introduced liberalized policies & schemes to promote MSME vendor base, the advantage of which may be taken by the Government of Madhya Pradesh. Further, there are already 05 (five) Ordnance Factories in Jabalpur and Itarsi viz. Ordnance Factory Itarsi, Gun Carriage Factory (GCF), Ordnance Factory Khamaria (OFK), Vehicle Factory Jabalpur (VFJ) and Grey Iron Foundry (GIF). The ongoing corporatisation of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) and the focus of the Government on indigenization are expected to generate more opportunities for MSME sector.
