

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3446  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2016

**GUNPOWDER EXPLOSION IN ORDNANCE FACTORIES**

3446. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of explosion of gunpowder at ordnance factory in Jabalpur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the loss of property and lives reported therein; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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**(a) & (b): An accident / explosion took place in the Explosive Disposal Ground of Ordnance Factory Khamaria (OFK), Jabalpur on 14.10.2015 at about 1015 hrs during burning of recovered Torpex – 4A (combination of RDX, TNT, Aluminium Powder, Paraffin Wax and Hexolite). No Explosive Destructive Ground (EDG) working employee was injured during accident. The extent of loss / damage to the Government property has been estimated by OFK as Rs.12,600.00 (approx.)**

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**(c) The remedial / corrective measures implemented / being implemented in this regard are:**

- (i) Proper Traverse and Concrete Blast wall to be constructed.**
- (ii) Only one type of explosive to be burnt at a time.**
- (iii) Burning platform to be maintained properly.**
- (iv) General Safety Document (GSD) to be followed strictly.**
- (v) Only GSD authorized quantity to be burnt at any time.**
- (vi) All types of combustible materials to be removed from the EDG area and the same should not be stored.**
- (vii) All EDG employees involved to be trained properly and they must be conversant with the GSD and nature of the explosive before commencing the work.**
- (viii) Facilities to be created for burning of any type of waste explosives on platforms having the proper traverse and concrete blast walls to protect surrounding areas from the blast / explosions.**
- (ix) Ensure buildings used for burning of fuzes and detonators in pits also to be traversed and protection from blast walls.**
- (x) If the waste explosives are not as per the requirement of GSD, the same to be sent back to concerned sections for rectification.**

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