



Ministry of Defence

Bomb Explosion at Jabalpur Ordnance Factory

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An incident of bomb explosion occurred, involving old ammunition awaiting disposal, on 25th March, 2017 at one of the buildings of F-3 Section of Ordnance Factory Khamaria (OFK), in Jabalpur. A Board of Enquiry (BOE) has been constituted at OFK to enquire the incident and assess the extent of damage / loss. No casualty occurred due to the incident.

Ordnance Factories have been directed to conduct a thorough review of safety systems and procedures and following steps have been taken:

- Before storing the unserviceable explosives / ammunition in the Magazines, ensure compatibility of the explosives.
- Ammunition to be stored on wooden dunnages in properly stacked manner.
- Periodical opening of the magazines for sufficient ventilation for passing of the air and the record thereof should be maintained.
- Windows for ventilation should be made of wire mesh glass.
- Unauthorized / rejected / unserviceable ammunition / explosives should not be stored in the magazines.
- Rejected / obsolete ammunition to be disposed of periodically and record should be maintained.
- The surrounding of the building should be cleaned of dry grass, fallen leaves, wild growth, etc.

This information was given by Minister of State for Defence Dr. Subhash Bhamre in a written reply to Shri Motilal Vora in Rajya Sabha today.

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