

Ministry of Defence

Shortage of Ammunition in WWR

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The authorization and holding of ammunition is as per operational requirement of the Indian Army. Adequate reserves have been authorised in terms of War Wastage Reserves (WWR). There is adequate stock of ammunition with the Indian Army and it is well equipped for meeting any operational requirements.

Further, making up of stock of ammunition to desired level is a continuous process, the requirements for which are identified every year and procurements are undertaken accordingly. Recently 19 contracts amounting to Rs.11,739.83 crore have been finalized by the Indian Army.

Some of the measures taken to ensure adequate availability of ammunition include placing of a Five Year Roll On Indent on Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), finalization of Ammunition Road Map in respect of certain identified ammunition and procurements thereof. In addition, financial power to ensure the availability and maintenance of minimum levels of critical ammunition has been delegated to the Army to meet any emergent requirement and to enable them to maintain military preparedness at all times.

This information was given by Raksha Rajya Mantri Dr Subhash Bhamre in a written reply to Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda in Rajya Sabha today.

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