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To
The Secretary
Ministry of Defence, Govt of India,
South Block, New Delhi – 110 001

(Kind Attn: Shri Giridhar Aramane, IAS)

Subject: Reforms in AHSP to further promote ease of doing business..

Reference: PIB release ID 1917701 of 18/04/2023.

Sir,

The above mentioned PIB release announced that to promote ease of doing business and with an objective to ensure that "industries can now bring timely improvement in their products & own final designs/specifications..." Indian defence companies have been permitted to be their own AHSP.

One of the most important area of conflict during the Ordnance Factories regime was that in spite of observing and reporting several flaws in the design and suggesting suitable modification and/or changes to ensure efficiency of the product under manufacture, the authorities did not permit it to hold the AHSP and in several cases even the alteration mechanism was not activated and the entire blame for the quality of the product was being passed on to the factories.

Ordnance Factories, over the period of several decades demanded to be entrusted the AHSP role but the same were not accepted expressing several concerns from the government side and hence now it is not understood as to those concerns have been suddenly addressed and a corporate friendly decision taken.

Employees are flabbergasted at the sudden turn of events and are seeing this decision as a further step to curb the activities of the new defence companies in comparison to their private sector competitors on one hand and to slowly but surely close down the DGQA organization.

As a responsible stake holder of the sector, we lodge our strong protest on such step motherly treatment and request that similar facilities be extended to the ordnance factories in order to provide a level playing field.

Thanking you.

Sincerely yours

(MUKESH SINGH)

General Secretary/BPMS & Member, JCM-II Level Council (MOD)