

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 1045  
ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

**Liberalisation of rules governing small arms manufacturing**

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether rules governing arms manufacturing have been liberalised in an effort to boost the 'Make in India' initiative and create employment opportunities;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether this decision of Government is likely to attract foreign investment in this sector in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it has been made conditional for the small arms and light weapons produced by a manufacturer to sell the same to the Central Government or the State Government with the prior approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs; and

(e) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (e): The Arms Rules, 2016 substituting the earlier rules of 1962 were notified on 15.07.2016 which simplified the process of licences for manufacturing of arms/ ammunition, their export/ import besides simplifying process of arms licence to individuals.

The Rules were further amended in October, 2017 to boost domestic manufacture of arms and ammunition as part of the Government's "Make in India" initiative.

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The liberalisation of the Arms Rules will encourage investment including private and foreign investments in the manufacturing of arms and ammunition as part of the "Make in India" programme. The amended rules provide that the manufacturers do not require prior approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs for selling the manufactured arms to the State Government/Central Government.

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