

Key Recommendations

- Ministry should formulate the overhaul policy for Class 'B' vehicles.
- Original Equipment Manufacturer(OEM) prescribed test facility should be installed at the time of setting up of infrastructure for overhaul.
- For augmenting availability of spares, constraints in the availability of spare need to be identified and process of making available spares through manufacturing or procurement need to be streamlined.
- Army Headquarters should lay out a time bound action plan for modernization of ABWs to overcome the problems due to vintage.

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- Ministry should expedite the Component Level Repair (CLR) project for supporting Tank T-90 with repair facilities.
- Quality Index of Overhauled BMP tanks despite improvement during 2015-16 still remains low and needs to be further improved.
- For overhaul of vision devices, Ministry should review the scope and implementation of Project Tulip for establishment of additional facilities at 512 ABW.
- Cost accounting system should be introduced in the workshops to ensure optimum utilization of resources viz. man-power, machines and materials and to assess the cost effectiveness of overhauls.

Conclusion

- The delayed overhaul, compounded by delay in issue of release orders and dispatch of the overhauled equipment to the unit.
- Quality Index was far below the prescribed norms.
- Lack of tests facilities and test equipments.
- No Long Range Perspective Plan for creation of infrastructure.
- Impact on the operational readiness
- Present plant and machinery at ABWs was technologically inadequate.
- Non availability of spares in adequate range.



Current scenario

- Private firms to get entry into ABWs.
- Privatisation is based on the recommendations of Lt. Gen. DB Shekatkar (Retd.) Committee.
- Dates set to privatise 4 ABWs by April 2019.
- GOCO Model – Govt. Owned Contractor Operated.
- 12000 employees across 8 ABWs – 75% civilian staff.
- Issues and concerns related to privatisation.
- Present plant and machinery
- Collaborate with Original equipment manufacturer (OEM)

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