

Goodluck to up artillery shell casing output

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To meet rising demand from domestic and European buyers, Goodluck India Limited plans to invest up to ₹500 crore to scale up artillery shell casing output at its Uttar Pradesh (UP) facility to 400,000 units from 150,000 over the next year, the company's leadership said on Tuesday.

The facility manufactures empty M107 155 mm medium-calibre artillery shells. The investment — aimed at expanding shell production capacity and installing machinery for aerospace component manufacturing — will be funded through a mix of debt and equity.

European nations have been scrambling to secure

ammunition — both artillery shells and the explosives that fill them — as the Russia-Ukraine conflict has exposed critical gaps in their production capacity.

A manufacturer of specialised engineered steel products, Goodluck India established a plant to manufacture empty artillery shells in Sikandrabad, UP's Bulandshahr district, in 2024. It was granted an industrial licence under the Indian Arms Act, 1959, in October.

Production of a test batch of empty shells commenced at the facility earlier this month, said Goodluck India CEO Ram Agarwal. He added that prospective customers include foreign nations, several of which — particularly in Europe — have already signed letters of intent.