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Kalyani Group wants access to defence tests

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NEW DELHI: Pune-based Kalyani Group, which has put on display two of its state-of-the-art artillery systems at the 8th Defexpo, has requested the government to allow the private sector access to its testing facilities.

"We have requested the government to allow us access to testing facilities because you really can't go beyond a point unless you have the ability to test your products," said Baba N Kalyani, chairman of Kalyani Group.

"They are looking at it very positively. We have been told that soon the government will come

out with a process of telling how companies in the private sector can test products and get them validated and tested. The first thing you need when you want to test a gun is ammunition, which is available only with the government."

The Kalyani Group has in the past three years invested sizeable resources to develop a wide range of products and technological capabilities to manufacture various critical items of defence systems and equipment. "What we are trying to create is an Indian artillery house that can supply the needs of artillery not only in India but in the future may be outside India too," Kalyani said.