

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1376

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ARMS TRAINING TO BAJRANG DAL WORKERS

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

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Bajrang Dal have undertaken a training programme to train three lakh boys and girls in the use of fire-arms, as reported in the `Hindu` dated July 4, 2001;

(b) if so, the factual position in this regard;

(c): whether the Government have considered the serious adverse impact of the said training programme on the communal situation in the country; and

(d): the action taken by the Government in the matter?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ( I.D. SWAMI )

(a) & (b): The Vishwa Hindu Parishad along with its frontal organizations Bajrang Dal and Durga Vahini annually conducts summer training camps. Emphasis is laid on the improvement of physical prowess. Classes on self-defence, karate and judo are also held, besides training with airguns & Mock wood rifles.

(c) & (d): The activities of all organizations having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, where necessary.