

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5471
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2002
BULLET PROOF JACKET TO PMF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of bullet proof jackets purchased for Para-Military Forces and BSF Jawans during the last 3 years and the cost thereof;
- (b) whether the Bullet proof jackets purchased for Para-Military forces and BSF Jawans fighting the low intensity conflict in J&K have been found to be sub-standard;
- (c) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (d) whether the preliminary testing of the quality of the jackets were conducted;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to bring transparency in the purchase of such items?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): In the past 3 years, 1200 nos. of Bullet Proof Jackets had been purchased by Central Para Military Forces including BSF as per details given below:-

Name of	Qty	Rates (Rs.)
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CPMF

NSG	350 nos.	26,600 per jacket
CRPF	500 nos.	26,600 per jacket
BSF	350 nos.	26,600 per jacket
Total	1200 nos.	Sales Tax extra

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d)&(e): Test evaluation of the samples is done by actual firing as per laid down specifications, by the designated inspecting authority. Only offers of the firms whose samples successfully withstand the test and are declared to be acceptable by the testing authority are considered for further processing and placement of orders.

(f): Procurement is ensured through open tender procedures in two bid system. Price bids of only the technically qualified tenderers are opened in the presence of firms` s representatives. The samples are also evaluated in presence of the representative of the firms.