

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1455  
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2002  
ISSUE OF LICENCES UNDER EXPLOSIVE ACT,1884  
RAMSHETH THAKUR

**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the explosive cell under his Ministry has not been able to check the units for which they have issued licence under Explosive Act, 1884 and Petroleum Act, 1934;
- (b) if so, the number of licences issued and inspected during the last three years;
- (c) whether it is mandatory for such units to install safeguard measures in their units;
- (d) if so, the number of cases in which licence holders have violated the prescribed norms; and
- (e) the action taken against such units?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) & (b) : The Department of Explosive checks the units for which they have issued licences under Explosives Act, 1884 and Petroleum Act, 1934, through the verification of monthly returns filed and by physical inspection of premises specially in cases of issue of fresh licences under the Explosives act, 1884. The number of licences issued and premises inspected during the last three years are as below :-

ACT	DURING THE YEAR		
	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001

1. No. of Licences issued

(i) Explosives Act, 1884	3774	4948	5904
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(ii) Petroleum Act, 1934	6722	9571	11020
Total	10496	14519	16924

2. Premises inspected

(i) Explosives Act, 1884	16916	17095	28852
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(ii) Petroleum Act, 1934	14408	15048	17403
Total	31324	32143	46255

(c) : Yes Sir. It is mandatory for all the units licensed under the Explosives Act, 1884 and Petroleum Act, 1934 to install and observe safeguards and safety features as detailed in the drawings which are first approved by the Department as per the requirements of conditions of licence.

(d) & (e) : In cases of violations of prescribed norms/rules/conditions of licences, licensees are issued show cause notices and licences are cancelled/suspended, wherever necessary, depending upon the response of the defaulters and as per the statutory procedures. The number of cases in which show cause notices have been issued and licences have been suspended in last three years are as below :-

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
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1. Show cause notices issued	490	625	845
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2. No. of licences suspended	196	204	265
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