

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3062
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2003
BAN ON PRODUCTION OF NITRO-GLYCERIN
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government propose to ban production of Nitro-Glycerin based explosives, as these are being misused by extremist elements as land mines, claymore mines causing deaths to civilian & police forces in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some State Governments affected by extremist violence have requested the Government to gradually phase out NG based explosives and introduce slurry explosives in their place; and
- (d) if so, whether the Government has considered the proposal and the current progress of the proposal?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): An expert committee was constituted by the Ministry of Industry & Commerce which has recommended phasing out the NG based explosives over a period of time.
- (c) & (d): The State Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested the Central Government to phase out NG based explosives. The Government has taken a decision to phase out NG based explosives, as recommended by the Expert Committee.