

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:267
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2011
BULLET PROOF JACKETS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to equip the various Central Para- Military Forces with bullet proof jackets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the allocation made in this regard, force-wise;
- (c) whether the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) has made any recommendations on light weight and high quality bullet proof jackets;
- (d) if so, the details of the recommendations made and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide such jackets in a time-bound manner?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QAUESTION NO. 267 FOR 15.3.2011

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The details of authorisation of Bullet Proof Jackets to all Central Para- Military Forces are following:

Name of the Force	Quantity authorised	Quantity held
Assam Rifles	18,600	12,363
BSF	45,805	33,438
CISF	17,477	2,650
CRPF	1,09,000	74,156
ITBP	12,150	3,934
NSG	2,941	1,216
SSB	6,190	3,545

Total 2,12,163 1,31,302

(c) & (d): BPR&D in consultation with Central Para Military Forces, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) ; Defence Institute of Physiology & Allied Science, IIT Delhi, AIIMS, TBRL (Terminal Ballistic Research Laboratory) had recommended necessary changes in the existing specification of BP Jackets and MHA had accepted the recommendations and the revised specifications were notified on 05.05.2009. Based on these specifications the current tender had been floated in July 2009. These specifications correspond to the Level III of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) USA standards.

The Ministry had also recently notified an improved technical specification for the BP Jacket with Full Body Protection (360°) which corresponds to the Level III A of the NIJ standard dated 18th January 2010.

Further the Ministry has requested the BPR&D to develop the specification for an advanced BP Jacket which would correspond to Level IV of the NIJ standard for protection against armour piercing bullets. The specifications of Threat Level-IV Jacket are under process.

(e): CRPF has placed an order for 59,000 Bullet Proof Jackets on M/s MKU Kanpur on 27.04.2010. The allocation of 59,000 Bullet Proof Jackets is as under:

Sl.NO	Organisation	Quantity
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1	Assam Rifles	6,237
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2	CISF	2,966
3	CRPF	35,517
4	ITBP	8,216
5	NSG	1,725
6	SSB	2,645
7	Delhi Police	1,500
8	A & N Police	100
9	Lok Sabha Sectt New Delhi	50
10	NCB	44

Total 59,000

Supply of Bullet Proof Jackets is under process. The supply of 7500 Light weight Bullet Proof Jackets has been received and the same have been distributed to the forces as under:

Name of Force Quantity Issued

CRPF	5,225
Delhi Police	500
Lok Sabha Sectt	50
NSG	1,725

Total 7,500

Besides above, supply of 6,000 Nos. Bullet Proof Jackets has also been received from the firm and distribution of same is being issued. The balance supplies are expected to be completed by June 2011.

BSF had placed an order on M/s S.M. Pulp and Packaging, New Delhi for 3100 BP jackets on 16.12.2009 which were meant exclusively for BSF and the last lot was delivered on 27.1.2011.