

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5157  
ANSWERED ON:05.09.2011  
ARTILLERY PRACTICES ACT  
Angadi Shri Suresh Chanabasappa

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the 'Manoeuvres, Field Firing and Artillery Practices Act 1938" (under provisions of para 2), stipulates that military manoeuvres over any areas specified in the notification shall not ordinarily be more than three months, once in any period of three years;
- (b) if so, whether the Government strictly acts upon the Act and shifted its sites meant for manoeuvres, field firing and artillery practices from time to time in various States including Karnataka;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and site-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Para 2 of Chapter I of the 'Manoeuvres, Field Firing and Artillery Practices Act 1938' stipulates the provisions that cover military manoeuvres. However, field firing is a distinctly different training procedure covered under Chapter II of the same Act.

The Army follows the stipulations given in the Act. Military manoeuvres are restricted and their place/site of conduct vary from time to time. However, the field firing/Artillery firing practices are conducted in the notified area during the period specified in the notification and there is no restriction to their duration or periodicity.

(c) & (d): The list of field firing ranges is attached at Annexure.

REFERRED IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PART (c) & (d) ANNEXURE OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5157 FOR ANSWER ON 5.9.2011

**STATE WISE DETAILS OF FIELD FIRING RANGES**

S.NO. NAME OF RANGE STATE

1	Khodala	Maharashtra
2	Marihal and Extn	Karnataka
3	Ramdurg	Karnataka
4	Chengalpattu	Tami Nadu
5	Veeramalai	Tami Nadu
6	Balwanta	Rajasthan
7	Bharja (Mt Abu)	Rajasthan
8	Kalakot	Rajasthan
9	Khavda (Near Bhuj)	Gujarat
10	Bhuj	Gujarat
11	Baghdad Asmara	Karnataka
12	Kambadur Mandal	Andhra Pradesh
13	Devlali	Maharashtra
14	KK Ranges (Ahmednagar)	Maharashtra
15	Babina	Madhya Pradesh
16	Pokhran	Rajasthan
17	Balwanta (Nasirabad)	Rajasthan
18	Bambori (Sagar)	Madhya Pradesh
19	Karunga	Gujarat
20	Deotamura	Tripura
21	Garur Basur	Assam
22	Nara Tiding	Assam
23	Sikkim B	Sikkim
24	Gamrata	Arunachal Pradesh

25 Teesta 'B' West Bengal  
26 Leimakong Manipur  
27 Darranga Assam  
28 Chakki Khad Punjab(99) & HP (97)  
29 Sumdo Himachal Pradesh  
30 Hiranagar J&K  
31 Naraingarh HP(30 August 14) & Haryana (30 June 12)  
32 Hoshiarpur Punjab (17) & HP (12)  
33 Nandani J&K  
34 Birgugiana Punjab  
35 Tanda (Yol) Himachal Pradesh  
36 Dauki Uttar Pradesh  
37 Rewa Madhya Pradesh  
38 Farah Uttar Pradesh  
39 Choral Madhya Pradesh  
40 Extn ABC of No. 9 Mhow Madhya Pradesh  
41 Ramganga Uttar Pradesh  
42 Thalkedhar Uttaranchal  
43 Manjha Uttar Pradesh  
44 Asan Uttaranchal & Uttar Pradesh  
45 Horap Bihar  
46 Netrahat Jharkhand  
47 Deo Dumri Bihar  
48 Maner Bihar  
49 Chhotajam Madhya Pradesh  
50 Sirmutra Rajasthan  
51 Gopalpur Orissa  
52 Raipur (Dehradun) Uttaranchal  
53 Hema (Mhow) Madhya Pradesh  
54 Beirchha Madhya Pradesh  
55 Kharbuthang Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)  
56 Tosha Maidan J&K  
57 Kulum J&K  
58 Tartar J&K  
59 Mahe J&K  
60 Garhi J&K  
61 Kalith J&K  
62 Jhallas J&K  
63 Rajouri J&K  
64 Chorkhud J&K  
65 Mahajan Rajasthan  
66 Kamrota Rajasthan