

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:462

ANSWERED ON:06.09.2011

PROCUREMENT OF NIGHT VISION DEVICES

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether telescopic Night Vision Devices (NVDs) are used by the Central Para-Military Forces (CPMFs), at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether NVDs were procured from Central Public Sector Undertaking for the use of CPMFs recently;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the total number of NVDs procured;
- (e) whether there are reports that faulty night vision devices were procured and given to the CPMFs;
- (f) if so, the steps taken to check the quality and efficiency of such devices before procurement;
- (g) whether the Government proposes to inquire into the matter; and
- (h) if so, the details and outcome thereof alongwith the action taken against the guilty officials concerned?

Answer

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

(a) to (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.462 FOR 06.09.2011.

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) are using various Night Visions Devices (NVDs) such as Passive Night Vision (PNV) Monocular, Binoculars and Goggles, PNV Weapon Sights for 5.56 mm INSAS Rifles and Light Machine Guns (LMGs), PNV Sights for 84 mm Rocket Launchers, Hand Held Thermal Imagers (HHTI) etc.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): A total number of 2671 Nos. of PNV Monocular, 8052 Nos. of PNV Binoculars, 203 Nos. of PNV Goggles and 8109 Nos. of PNV Weapon Sights and 1491 Nos. of HHTI have been procured from M/s Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL). Details are as under:-

An order for procurement of 8109 Nos. Passive Night Vision Telescopic Weapon Sights for 5.56 mm INSAS Rifles and LMGs was placed by BSF with M/s BEL, a Central Public Sector Undertaking for the use of BSF, CRPF, ITBP AND Assam Rifles. As on 17 August 2011, supply of 7675 Nos. of NVDs has been received.

Orders for 17 Nos. of PNV Binoculars 103 Nos. of PNV Monocular and 203 Nos. of Goggles were placed by NSG, and orders for 98 Nos. PNV Binoculars & 75 Nos. of Monocular were placed by SSB. In addition, 2463 Nos. of PNV Monocular, 7937 Nos. of PNV Binoculars have also been purchased by MHA in 2006 and 2009 from M/s BEL.

Purchased by PNV Monocular PNV Binocular PNV Goggles PNV Weapon Sight HHTI

MHA	2463	7937	-	-	-
BSF	-	-	-	8109	1491
SSB	75	98	-	-	-
NSG	103	17	203	-	-

Total 2671 8052 203 8109 1491

(e): No, Madam. No such report has been received from the end user/field formations of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).

(f): The NVDs are accepted technically after a user trial where various technical parameters have been checked by a Board of Officers. A pre-dispatch Inspection (PDI), to check the store for its conformity with the approved Qualitative Requirements (QRs), of each lot of supply is carried out by a Board of Officers before delivery by the firm. On receipt of the supply, a Joint Receipt Inspection (JRI) of the equipment was conducted by Board of Officers, before accepting the stores in all cases.

(g) to (h): Do not arise.