

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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LANDMINE BLASTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of security forces and civilians died due to landmine blasts carried out by naxals and maoists in 2010 and 2011;
- (b) whether security forces are not equipped with the latest technology to detect and protect from landmine blasts;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check landmine blasts in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a): During 2011 (up to November 21), 49 persons (38 policemen and 11 civilians) were killed in various landmine explosions / other blasts, compared to 207 persons (158 policemen and 49 civilians) in the corresponding period of 2010.

(b) to (d): The security forces are provided modern equipments for detection and destruction of land mines and Improvised Explosive Devices (IED). They also use the services of Dog squads for detection of explosives. Besides, the services of retired army personnel are also being used to enhance counter-IED skills. The security forces have been provided Mine Protection Vehicles also for this purpose. The Government of India is constantly focusing on capacity building in this area through the scheme of Modernization of Police Forces.