

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NIGHT VISION DEVICES

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide night vision devices to all the naxal-affected police stations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such devices are likely to be provided to all the naxal-affected police stations alongwith the expenditure likely to be incurred; and
- (c) the extent to which it is likely to be beneficial in checking naxal activities?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects and action with respect to maintenance of law and order including equipping the State Police Forces with sophisticated equipments lies primarily in the domain of the concerned State Governments, who deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States. The Central Government also closely monitors the situation and supplements the efforts of the State Governments over a wide range of schemes, inter alia, including supplementing the resources of the State Governments for upgradation and modernization of police forces under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme). Under the MPF Scheme, State Governments formulate their specific requirements and include them in their annual action plan for the scheme which are considered and approved by the Central Government and funds are released to the States accordingly.

Details of Night Vision Devices (NVDs) approved for naxal affected States in the overall Action Plan of 2010-11 under the MPF Scheme are as under:-

Sl. No. State Quantity of NVDs approved

1. Andhra Pradesh 30

2. Maharashtra 06

3. Orissa 25

4. West Bengal 05

Total 66