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BULLET PROOF JACKETS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has purchased bullet proof jackets for the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) personnel;

(b) if so, whether the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) had examined the technical aspects of these jackets before purchase;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for purchasing defective jackets; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by the Government to purchase high quality and light weight jackets for CAPFs personnel?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(i) Government has procured 59,000 nos. Light Weight Bullet Proof Jackets for the use of CPMFs during the year 2010-11.

(ii) 3100 Nos Bullet Proof Jackets have been procured by BSF during the year 2010-11.

(iii) The quantity of 2250 Nos Light Weight Bullet Proof Jackets have also been procured by Assam Rifles during the year 2009-10.

(b): Yes, Madam. A Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) under the chairmanship of DG, BPR&D and officers of all Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs) as members, constituted by MHA, hade conducted Technical Evaluation of the sample of Bullet Proof Jackets (during 01st February to 9th April 2010), submitted by various bidding firms in the tender floated by CRPF for procurement of 59000 Light Weight BP Jackets. Physical Evaluation was done during 08.02.2010 to 10.02.2010. Ballistic Evaluation was done at Terminal Ballistic Research Laboratory (TBRL), Chandigarh during 24.2.2010 to 26.03.2010. These reports were submitted to Chairman Tender Advisory Committee (TAC) i.e. DG, CRPF.

(c): Supply order has been placed to the firm which had passed the Technical Evaluation tests.

(d): BPR&D has been asked to develop Qualitative Requirements (QRs) for high quality and Light Weight Jackets.