

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2653  
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INQUIRY INTO FIRING INCIDENT  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has conducted any judicial inquiry into the highly condemnable incident of indiscriminate firing and actions by the Central Para-Military Forces (CPMFs) and the State police in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh in which 19 people including two school going children and a young woman were shot dead; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the inquiry?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (b): There are some allegations regarding the incident dated 28th June, 2012 at Sarkeguda in Bijapur district, Chhattisgarh, in which, during an exchange of fire between security forces and alleged Maoist cadres, 17 persons were killed and 6 security force personnel were injured.

In view of the various allegations pertaining to the said incident, the Government of Chhattisgarh has ordered a judicial inquiry into the matter under the chairmanship of Justice (Retd) Shri V.K. Agarwal. The judicial inquiry is in progress. The terms and conditions of the judicial inquiry are as under:

(i) Whether an encounter took place between the security forces and the naxalits in the intervening night of 28-29th June, 2012 in village Silger, Sarkeguda and Chimla Penta.

(ii) When and how did the said incident take place?

(iii) Whether any person, other than security forces or naxalites, was injured or killed in the said incident?

(iv) What were the circumstances under which the security forces had to carry out the operation on the said night?

(v) Whether any precautions were taken by the security forces before starting the operation?

(vi) What were the circumstances under which the security forces had to start firing? Could firing be avoided?

(vii) Suggestions for the future.

Further action will be taken depending upon the outcome of the inquiry.