

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1815
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HELICOPTER FACILITY TO POLICE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several State Governments have requested the provision of helicopters for their police forces for better surveillance and counter terrorism operations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): The Government of West Bengal had sought Helicopter/hiring charges of Rs. 5.00 crore under the MPF Scheme in 2009-10. The permissible heads of expenditure as per agreed/defined scheme parameters of Modernization of State Police Forces Scheme (MPF Scheme) do not accommodate such requests on Scheme funds.