

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1280
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SHORTAGE OF BULLET PROOF JACKETS
Kalmadi Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of light weighed standard/quality bullet proof jackets for the police force of Jharkhand and very low quality jackets have been provided to only a small number of jawans combating naxalism in the State;
- (b) whether the State has adequate funds to purchase more and quality bullet proof jackets, yet the purchase is not being done due to non-finalisation/issuance of relevant guidelines by the Bureau of Police Research and Development; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such guidelines are likely to be issued?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The State Government of Jharkhand has not reported to Ministry of Home Affairs about acute shortage of bullet proof jackets in the State Police. 'Police' and 'Law & Order' are State subjects and it is for the concerned State Government to purchase B.P. jackets of good quality for its State Police personnel. The Ministry of Home Affairs has already finalized the Qualitative Requirements (QRs) for threat level III BR jackets and all the CAPFs are procuring the same as per these standards. Further, the Bureau of Police Research & Development is in the process of finalizing the QRs for threat level-IV BR jackets as per International Standards.