

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3647
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BULLET PROOF JACKETS AND PATKAS FOR CAPFS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of bullet proof jackets and patkas in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, force-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to purchase light weighed and high quality bullet proof jackets and patkas for these forces;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such jackets/patkas are likely to be purchased along with the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (e) the other measures taken by the Government to provide adequate quantity of bullet proof jackets/patkas on par with international standards to such forces?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No.

(c) to (e): No. These items are being procured on the basis of the operational requirement of CAPFs.

CAPFs have already been provided light weighted Bullet Proof Jackets and they may also procure additional quantity as per requirement. However, the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) in consultation with Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Chandigarh, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), (Indian Institute of Technology) IIT, Delhi, All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) and Directorate General Quality Assurance (DGQA) is in the process of formulation of Qualitative Requirements (QRs) and trial directives for Bullet Proof Jackets NIJ Level-IV. The revision of QRs/Specifications of BR Patka is under consideration.