

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6533
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MANUFACTURING OF GRENADES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports that maoists are manufacturing grenades; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per reports available, the outfit has been manufacturing improvised hand grenades and rocket propelled grenades in their arms manufacturing units. Reportedly, the improvised grenades are manufactured by the CPI(Maoist) in their stronghold areas of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Bihar. 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects, action with respect to maintenance of law and order lies primarily in the domain of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government, wherever required, assists the State Governments by providing Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and by sharing intelligence inputs in such matters. Some of the steps taken to bust these manufacturing units include ban on the CPI(Maoist) party, deployment of forces at strategic locations, firm police action against such unlawful activities and intensified intelligence based anti-naxal operations. Besides, the Central Government closely monitors the situation and issues advisories to the LWE affected State Governments to keep a check on such activities. Recently, these efforts have led to the arrest of the Chief of Technical Research and Arms Manufacturing (TRAM) unit of the CPI (Maoist), who was responsible for the work relating to the design, development and improvisation of arms and ammunitions for the CPI (Maoist).