

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF BULLET PROOF JACKETS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to procure Bullet Proof Jackets for the Para Military Forces (PMFs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether tenders for this purpose have been floated;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether proper testing procedure including ballistic tests were carried out before identifying the proposed suppliers;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps being taken for expeditious procurement of bullet proof jackets for the PMFs?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam.

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has been designated as the lead force to procure 59,000 Light Weight Bullet Proof Jackets (BPJs) for 6 Central Para Military Forces, viz. CRPF Central Industrial Security Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, National Security Guard, Seema Suraksha Bal & Assam Rifles. The CRPF floated an open tender on 3.7.09 under a 2 bid system of procurement. The terms of tender enquiry stipulated testing of tender samples for short listing of the acceptable bidders.

(e): Yes, Madam.

(f): Proper testing procedures including ballistic tests were carried out under the overall control and supervision of Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) under the DG, Bureau of Police Research & Development.

As informed by the TEC, the following procedures were followed:

- (i) Physical Evaluation- For weight measurement & counting of number of layers, checking of certificates & declaration of material etc. at CRPF Headquarters.
 - (ii) Fabric Evaluation- For Ultra-violet test, waterproof test, water penetration test and inflammability tests by Department of Textiles, IIT, Delhi.
 - (iii) Area Measurement Test- For area measurement of various components of soft Armour Panels (SAP) by Survey of India, New Delhi.
 - (iv) Ballistic Evaluation- For test firing against different threat levels by Terminal Ballistic Research Laboratory (TBRL), Chandigarh.
- (g): The successful completion of this tender process will meet the present projected demand for the Light-Weight Bullet Proof Jackets by the PMFs.