GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3877 ANSWERED ON:16.12.2014 COMPLIANCE OF ARMS ACT Adhikari Shri Sisir Kumar;Chandumajra Shri Prem Singh;Jaunpuria Shri Sukhbir Singh

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of smuggling of arms registered, arms seized along with their sources and persons convicted during the last three years and the current year, Statewise;

(b) whether incidents of deaths/killings by arms occurred due to non-compliance of Arms Act in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government for strict compliance of the said act;

(d) whether there is any proposal to frame new regulations for issuance of arms license for the States of Haryana, Rajasthan and Nagaland; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a): The details of cases registered in respect of smuggling of arms, reported by Central Armed Police Forces deployed at the borders and by the Customs Authorities, arms seized and persons arrested by different Government agencies are as given below. As the cases are at various stages of investigation/trial, the details of the number of persons convicted are not available.

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Year 2011 2012 2013 2014(upto Oct.) Total
No. Of 62 73 128 132 395
cases
registered
Arms seized 220 296 492 355 1363
Persons 47 81 118 154 400
arrested
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(b)&(c): The Government is not aware of incidents of deaths/ killings by arms due to non-compliance of Arms Act. There is no linkage between the incidents of death killings by arms and non-compliance of Arms Act. The compliance of various provisions of Arms Act is the responsibility of all concerned and provisions exists under the Act to take punitive action against those who violates the provisions of the Act. Further, Central Government wherever considered necessary issue directions to the State Government/UTs for strict compliance of the Arms Act.

(d)&(e): At present there is no proposal to fame regulations for issuance of arms licence separately for the States of Haryana, Rajasthan and Nagaland.