

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INSAS Rifles to CAPF Personnel
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the INSAS Rifles being provided to the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) personnel fighting Naxalites is not reliable; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which latest technology rifles are likely to be provided to CAPF personnel?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No Madam. INSAS Rifle is a 5.56 mm Caliber weapon and has an effective range of 400 mtrs. A mix of different types of weapons is deployed for effective results across various theatres of conflict. Different weapons have their unique features and strengths. Modernization of weapons to security forces is a continuous process as per operational requirement of the concerned security force. However, weapons like Assault Rifles (7.62x39 mm), Sniper Rifles, X-95 Assault Rifles, Glock Pistols, MP-5 Sub Machine Guns and Carbines have been provided to CAPFs. Further, 67,117 nos. Additional Assault Rifles (7.62 x 39 mm) have been authorized for CRPF Bns deployed in LWE & J&K region against replacement of 5.56 mm INSAS Rifles.
