

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2240 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2014

Crimes committed by using unlicensed illegal arms

2240. SHRI N.K. SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of crimes are committed in the country by using unlicensed/illegal arms;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any estimate of total number of such unlicensed/illegal arms across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to unearth such illegal/unlicensed arms?

Answer

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The details of crimes committed in violation of Arms Act, 1959 are provided in Annexure A. Details of arms recovered during last three years and upto September, 2013 are provided in Annexure B.

(c): The Government has not made any estimate of the total number of such unlicensed/ illegal arms in the country.

(d): Police and Public Order is a State subject; and, therefore, the respective State Governments are taking necessary action in this regard. Besides, the Central Government has empowered the various Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) for effecting search and seizures of illegal arms and ammunitions vide GSR No. 904 (E) and 905 (E) dated 11.11.2010(Annexure C).