

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.975

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH AUGUST, 2013/SRAVANA 23,1935 (SAKA)

ILLEGAL ARMS IN POSSESSION OF MILITANTS/TERRORISTS

975. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that militants/terrorists are in possession of large number of illegal arms and ammunition at their disposal and if so, the estimated number and types of such fire arms;

(b) how many illegal firearms have been recovered/confiscated and number of cases filed under the Arms Act against such guilty persons during last three years and the source of such illegal weapons; and

(c) the action Government has taken to stop the supply of such weapons to terrorists?

ANSWER

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

(a): No, Sir. There is no specific information to suggest that militants/ terrorists are in possession of large number of illegal arms and ammunition at their disposal.

(b): The Data on recovery of illegal fire arms is not centrally maintained.

(c): All Districts Magistrates, State Police Officers, all officers of the rank of Sub Inspector and above in the Central Armed Police Forces have been empowered to search and seize illegal arms from any person, vessel, vehicles or other means of conveyance. Whenever any information is received by any Police Officer of any illegal weapon being stored or carried, raids are conducted and the illegal weapons are seized. Law and Order is a state subject and it is expected that the State Governments will ensure prompt action on any report regarding possession of illegal weapons.