

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1161

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD MARCH, 2015/PHALGUNA 12, 1936 (SAKA)

ILLEGAL ARMS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any estimate as to the number of illegal arms possessed by the people in the country;
- (b) if so, the quantum of illegal arms confiscated during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to unearth illegal arms and prevent the proliferation of such arms in the country?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No, Madam. Government does not have any such specific estimate.
- (b) A total of unlicensed/ illegal arms confiscated during the year 2011 to 2014 (Upto 16 December) is 20,351. The state-wise details are given in the Annexure-A.
- (c) the Government of India has taken the following steps to unearth illegal arms and prevent the proliferation of unlicensed/ illegal arms:-
 - (i) The State and UT Governments have been urged to make sustained and continued efforts to unearth unlicensed/illegal arms.
 - (ii) Effective domination of the borders by carrying out round the clock surveillance and patrolling (on foot, by boats and vehicle), laying "nakas" (border ambushes) and by deploying observation posts all along the international border.

- (iii) Erection of fencing along the international border and flood lighting of the border to enhance the observation during night.
- (iv) Up gradation of intelligence network and holding coordination meetings among para-military forces at functional and directional levels. Better coordination is also ensured among the Central Para-Military Forces, the Army and the State Police Forces.

Ministry has also developed and launched the National Data Base of Arms Licence (NDAL) as an e-portal to collect and monitor the data of arms licenses in the country being issued by States/UTs and the Central Govt. In this regard MHA has issued a Notification dated 24th July, 2012 directing all licensing authority to enter data of all arm licenses being issued or being renewed for generating a Unique Identification Number (UIN) without which no arms license shall be considered as valid with effect from the 1st October, 2015. The NDAL will prove as an important milestone in curbing illegal licence in the country. This system will also provide online flags and alerts to MHA to regulate the grant of licenses across the country by the licensing authorities.

Further, Ministry of Home Affairs is in process of bringing about Amendments to certain sections of Arms Act, 1959 by way of introducing a provision for severe punishment for illegal licensing and illegal possession of firearm.

Details of State-wise recovery/seizure of firearms from 2011 to 2014 (till 16th December, 2014)

S. No.	State	Year 2011	Year 2012	Year 2013	Year 2014 (upto August, 2014)	Total
1	A&N Islands	0	15	754	0	769
2	Andhra Pradesh	329	168	184	81	762
3	Telengana	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0	0
4	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	47	47
5	Assam	28	0	143	225	396
6	Bihar	0	0	0	0	0
7	Chandigarh	28	24	21	16	89
8	Chhattisgarh	239	0	2	0	241
9	D&N Haveli	1	1	0	0	2
10	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0
11	Delhi	398	125	253	528	1304
12	Goa	64	14	2	2	82
13	Gujarat	243	354	379	483	1459
14	Haryana	219	482	249	419	1369
15	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	1	1
16	Jammu & Kashmir	3198	1254	40	0	4492
17	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0
18	Karnataka	141	76	13	0	230
19	Kerala	98	27	6	7	138
20	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0
21	Madhya Pradesh	1186	967	0	0	2153
22	Maharashtra	331	318	348	343	1340
23	Manipur	0	0	85	104	189
24	Meghalaya	10	0	0	0	10
25	Mizoram	153	84	200	28	465
26	Nagaland	176	283	346	278	1083
27	Orissa	317	64	127	126	634
28	Pondicherry	0	0	0	1	1
29	Punjab	19	0	0	0	19
30	Rajasthan	213	0	1	10	224
31	Sikkim	0	1	1	0	2
32	Tamil Nadu	22	0	0	14	36
33	Tripura	16	10	28	28	82
34	Uttar Pradesh	154	96	109	0	359
35	Uttarakhand	196	51	105	234	586
36	West Bengal	1582	205	0	0	1787
	Grand Total	9361	4619	3396	2975	20351

Note :- Arms include all types of weapons, i.e. AK-47/56/74, Pistols, Carbines, Revolvers, Guns, Rifels, etc.