

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1210

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

MOBILE RADIATION DETECTION SCHEME

1210. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Go-no-Go survey instruments and portable survey meters that have been installed on police patrol cars, in the 30 cities so identified for the implementation of the Mobile Radiation Detection Scheme (MRDS);

(b) whether the Government is facing considerable delay in equipping the Police with such necessary equipment for detecting radiations;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether the concerned State police has received training from the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) as was envisaged in the MRDS; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): A scheme on preparedness to handle radiological hazards through Mobile Radiation Detection System (MRDS) has been approved by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in November, 2014. The scheme covers 56 metro/capital cities and other major cities of India, to equip 930 police patrol vehicles with G0-No-Go instrument, Portable Survey Meter, Digital Dosimeter, Comfo-respirator besides stickers of radiation symbol and disposable face masks. The Scheme is to be implemented with the help of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai. NDMA is in the process of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) for procurement/installation and commissioning of the MRDS system.

(b) & (c): No, Madam.

(d) & (e): The Scheme also provides for training of the personnel of National Disaster Response Force, as training of the trainers and State/Union Territories to handle the Mobile Radiation Detection System. The training programme is to be executed by BARC as envisaged under the MRDS. BARC has already trained selected police force of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Mumbai, Haryana, Rajasthan, Kolkata and Delhi in the usage of these radiation monitors for response to radiological hazards.
