

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 673

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH APRIL, 2015/VAISAKHA 9, 1937 (SAKA)

IED EXPLOSIONS IN THE COUNTRY

673. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India witnessed 190 IED explosions, placing it just behind Pakistan and Iraq in the list of countries worst affected by bomb blasts according to latest data by National Bomb Data Centre (NBDC);
- (b) whether it is also a fact that 92 per cent blasts in India used high-grade explosives and 54 per cent of targets were general public;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken to control sale and stocking of explosives and detonators and monitoring of its end use?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. As per data available with National Bomb Data Centre (NBDC), India witnessed 190 IED explosions in 2014 (61 in North-Eastern States, 98 in Left Wing Extremism affected States, 19 in Jammu & Kashmir and 12 in other parts of the country). 55% of these IED explosions were targeted towards general public, 38% towards security forces, 4% towards Government properties and 3% towards VIPs. In 92% cases, high-grade explosives were used and in 8% cases, low-grade explosives were used.

(d): The manufacture, storage, sale, use and transportation of explosives and detonators are administered under Explosives Act, 1984. The Petroleum & Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO), Nagpur monitors the production, sale and use of explosives and scrutinizes the quarterly returns submitted by all licensees through online scrutiny module.

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The online facility has been made available to all the District Magistrates and Superintends of Police of all the Districts to view transactions and movement of explosives in their respective jurisdictions. The PESO has taken the following steps to monitor the storage, sale, use and transportation of explosives:

- (i) The seller of explosives has to deliver the explosives at the consignee's magazine premises to prevent diversion of consignment of explosives.
- (ii) The forwarding of the Explosives Delivery Pass to the respective Police and District Authorities made compulsory.
- (iii) Escorting of the explosives vans by two armed guards made mandatory while in transit.
- (iv) Antecedent verification of driver of the explosives van made compulsory.
- (v) Use of GPS devices on the explosives transportation vans except vans transporting Electric Detonators to track the movement.
- (vi) Written authorization with photo identity was made compulsory for the authorized representative of the consignee for receipt of the consignment of explosives.
