

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*357

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05th APRIL, 2017 / CHAITRA 15, 1939 (SAKA)

LATEST WEAPONS TO POLICE FORCES

†*357. MAHANT SHAMBHUPRASADJI TUNDIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to equip police and paramilitary forces with latest weapons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to reply for part (a) & (b) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. *357 by SHRI MAHANT SHAMBHUPRASADJI TUNDIYA, Hon'ble MP to be answered on 05.04.2017 regarding latest weapons to police forces.

(a) & (b) : Since " Public Order " and " Police " are State subjects as per the provisions of the Constitution of India, responsibility of equipping the State Police Forces with appropriate equipment and weaponry lies with the State Governments. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of State Governments by providing central assistance under the Modernization of Police Force (MPF) scheme to strengthen Police infrastructure. Under this scheme, State Governments formulate their State Action Plans (SAPs) every year as per their requirements and their strategic priorities. State Governments are provided assistance under MPF Scheme to strengthen Police infrastructure by way of equipping the police stations with the required mobility, modern weaponry, communication equipment, forensic set-up etc.

2. Modernization of weapons to security forces is a continuous process as per operational requirement of the concerned security force. Various sophisticated and modern weapons like Assault Rifles (7.62 x 39mm), Sniper Rifles, X-95 Assault Rifles, Glock Pistols, MP-5 Sub Machine Guns and Carbines have been acquired by the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).
