

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 511

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH FEBRUARY, 2018/MAGHA 18, 1939 (SAKA)

PROTESTERS KILLED BY PELLET GUNS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of protesters and bystanders injured or killed by pellet guns in Jammu and Kashmir each month during last three years;

(b) the number of security personnel injured or killed in protests each month during the above period;

(c) the number of pellets and Pelargonic Acid Vanillyl Amide (PAVA) shells used each month during the said period;

(d) whether Government has developed any alternatives to pellet guns;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The number of protestors/ persons and the security force personnel killed in protests by pellets guns during last three years, month-wise, are at Annex-I. Further details in the matter cannot be disclosed in the interest of the national security.

(d) to (f): Government of India constituted an Expert Committee on 26.07.2016 to explore other possible alternatives to Pellet Guns as non-lethal weapons. The recommendations of the Committee have been taken into account by the Government for appropriate implementation. Accordingly, various measures such as using PAVA-Chilli (Shells and Grenades), STUN-LAC (Shells and Grenades) and Tear Smoke Shells are used to disperse the unlawful violent protesters before the use of Pellet Guns.

Month	No. of protestors/ persons killed by pellets	No. of Security Force personnel killed during Law & Order protests
2015		
January	-	-
February	-	-
March	-	-
April	-	-
May	-	-
June	-	-
July	-	-
August	-	-
September	-	-
October	-	-
November	-	-
December	-	-
2016		
January	-	-
February	-	-
March	-	-
April	-	-
May	-	-
June	-	-
July	3	2
August	5	-
September	4	-
October	1	-
November	-	-
December	-	-
2017		
January	-	-
February	-	-
March	-	-
April	1	-
May	-	-
June	1	-
July	-	-
August	2	-
September	-	-
October	-	-
November	-	-
December	-	-
Total	17	2