

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 512

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

PEOPLE KILLED BY PELLETS IN J&K

512. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any tests were conducted on the effects of the pellet-firing shotgun used against protesters in Jammu and Kashmir including the impact of lead-based pellets that are used in this weapon;

(b) if so, the details of procurement processes and the authorities responsible for testing and selection of the metal pellets and the details of the metals, used to make the pellets used in these shotguns; and

(c) whether Government was aware of the harm these metal pellets cause to the human body before sanctioning the weapon for use by Central Reserve Police Force?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Tests of Pellets Gun including the impact of lead-based pellets were conducted in TBRL Chandigarh. Details regarding procurement processes and the authorities responsible for testing and selection of the metal pellets and the details of the metal used to make the pellets used in these shotguns cannot be disclosed in the interest of the national security.

(c): The test trial of munitions was conducted by TBRL Chandigarh on Gelatin blocks prepared from the ballistic grade transparent Gelatin material that react to bullets in a manner similar to human tissues as regards elasticity, capacity to absorb, energy, strength etc.
