

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3114**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30TH MARCH, 2022/ CHAITRA 9, 1944 (SAKA)

MANAGEMENT OF SEIZED PROPERTY

3114 SMT. AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any transparent system for managing evidences / seized property kept inside the Malkhanas of police stations across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for unsatisfactory and unscientific methods of storage of such evidences/seized property; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government for protection of evidences/seized property from theft, replacement, pilferage, embezzlement and destruction?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) to (d): "Police" is a State subject falling in List-II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to bring in the requisite reforms in the police.

The Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) has prepared a project "Malkhana Management System" and forwarded to all the States/UTs.

The techniques recommended by BPR&D to protect evidence under this project are computer coded identification of the seized property, automated identification and Data Capture Technologies, security by electronic gadgets, use of compactors for keeping records, documents and small articles, creation of a database for indexing of Malkhana articles/documents, using a customized and user-friendly software, identification of articles/documents through tagging, using RFID tags and thematic segregation of articles and documents to be carried out on the basis of case number, size of articles, etc.

The project envisages safe and secure storage of seized evidences, their chain of custody and their timely disposal in accordance with the law.

The project covers entire spectrum of issues including documentation, safe storage, pertinent identification, easy retrieval, periodic inspection for timely disposal of Malkhana items. The effective and efficient management of evidence gathered is integral to law enforcement agencies and would enhance quality of service to the criminal justice system.
