

**QUESTION DETAILS**

MINISTRY OF : HOME AFFAIRS

**RAJYA SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2315

TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019

Thriving illegal arms market

2315. Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether illegal arms market is thriving in different parts of the country posing serious security threat;
- (b) if so, the details of illegal arms seized during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether illegal arms manufacturing factories are still operating in the country with connivance of authorities;
- (d) if so, the details of such factories, State-wise;
- (e) whether Government has issued a notification to create a National Database of Arms Licences system to which all arms licence holders will have to register by April, 2019; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): 'Police' and 'Public Order' are the subject matter of States as per the Constitution. Prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution are primarily the responsibility of States. However, State/UT-wise detail of illegal arms seized during 2014-16, as per data available with National Crime Record Bureau, is at Annexure.

(e) & (f): Yes Sir, For effective follow up, necessary directives have been issued to all the licensing authorities and the process of online uploading of data is being monitored on regular basis by issuing reminders, conducting video conferences and seeking updates. So far 35,91,081 licence holders have been registered on National Database Arms Licences portal (as on 27th December 2018).

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