

### Use of children in manufacturing and smuggling illegal arms

†2990. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that use of children in manufacturing illegal weapons and smuggling in the country is increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such cases reported in the last five years and action taken by Government so far; and

(d) whether amendment in Arms Prevention Act is required to stop the use of children in developing illegal weapons and smuggling in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The available inputs do not suggest use of children in manufacturing illegal weapons and smuggling of arms. However, all the State Governments have been requested to inform the present status in this regard.

(d) No amendment in Arms Act, 1959 is required for this purpose and smuggling. The Central Para-Military forces; viz. Border Security Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Sashastra Seema Bal and other security agencies which are manning the inter-national border take every possible action to stop smuggling of illegal weapons. Under the Arms Act, 1959, the State Governments have powers to ensure that no illegal weapons are manufactured in their Jurisdiction. State Police conduct raids to detect and stop manufacture of illegal weapons based on available information.

### Number of terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir

†2991. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the information about number of the terrorist in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether they are getting money and equipment from Pakistan; and

(c) whether any Statement has been made by any police officials of the State in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The number of militants in the valley is estimated to be around 700. Inputs suggest that they are provided every type of assistance including money and material from across the border.

(c) Yes, Sir.

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