

Blowing up of Mines Protective Vehicle by naxalites

†3136. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) as per information received, recently the naxalities had blown-up the Mines Protective Vehicle (MPV) of police with bomb;

(b) whether it is a fact according to the experts/technicians of the Hyderabad based factory where the said vehicle had been manufactured, vehicle had several lacunae;

(c) whether Government are going to provide the same type of vehicle again; and

(d) if not, the action being taken by Government to bring modifications in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The naxalities attacked a Mine Protected Vehicle (MPV) of the State Police in landmine blast on 3.9.2005 near Bijapur in Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh.

(b) to (d) No structural fault with regard to the design of the MPV perse was reported as it was able to absorb the impact of the landmine blast in which the naxalites used a very high quantity of explosives. The Government has however asked the Ordinance Factory, Medak to add some additional safety features to the MPVs such as seat belts for the passengers, smoothening of the edges, less number of hatces, availability of communication system between the rear and front positions so as to make them more safe and secure.

Allocation of funds for tackling Naxalism

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SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had allocated amount to each district during current year for making special arrangements in all the districts of the country affected by naxalism;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.