

about the compliance of Explosives Rules, 2008 and Ammonium Nitrate Rules, 2012.

- (iii) Online accounting and generation of pass (in Form RE-13) for use of explosives by the license holder for possession and use of explosives, on day-to-day basis, has been made mandatory by the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization (PESO), with effect from 1st October, 2015.
- (iv) Ministry of Home Affairs has requested the LWE affected States to take up the investigation of cases pertaining to IED blasts/recovery of the explosives through State Intelligence Department.
- (v) More participation of State police and security forces is being ensured in the training programmes organized by the institute of Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Management, Pune.

Jawans of BSF found to be suspect in Pathankot attack

†1337. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Jawans of Border Security Force have been found to be suspect in terrorist attack on Pathankot air base;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to safeguard the borders along Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) National Investigation Agency (NIA) is investigating the Pathankot Airbase terror attack case. As per investigation till date, no evidence of the involvement of Border Security Force Jawans in the Pathankot Airbase terror attack has been found.

(c) In order to counter the problem of cross-border infiltration and to enhance security in the border areas, the Government of India in coordination with the State Governments concerned, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening of border management through multi-tiered deployment along international borders/Line of Control and infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved use of technology, better intelligence and operational coordination, synergizing intelligence flow to check infiltration and proactive action against terrorists within the country.

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