

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3006  
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NON-AVAILABILITY OF WEAPONS TO ITBP  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that ITBP personnel are not provided with warm cloths, shoes, goggles, other equipments, quality food etc;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the action being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the arms supplied to Indo Tibbet Border Police Force are inferior to the arms supplied to armed forces; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): ITBP personnel have been duly provided with quality food, essential clothing, protective gear and equipment as per their operational requirement and the laid down scale. ITBP personnel posted above 6000 feet altitude are provided with Extreme Cold Clothing and Equipments (ECCE) which consists of 48 articles. In addition to ECCE, troops deployed between 12000 feet to 15000 feet are provided Siachen clothing which consisting of 12 specialised articles and troops deployed beyond 15000 feet are provided Siachen clothing which consisting of 23 specialised articles. Troops posted on border are entitled to free ration on Army scale which is being provided.

(c) & (d): The arms being supplied to ITBP are as per their operational requirement and at par with those being supplied to the other border guarding forces.