

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2498
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DIVERSION OF EXPLOSIVES
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of officials of the coal companies diverted explosives to the open market which reached in the hands of Naxalites as well as other anti-social elements in Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Maharashtra;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter;
- (c) the number of explosions carried out by Naxalites and other anti-social elements in the States of Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Maharashtra alongwith number of people killed in these explosions; and
- (d) the measures taken to check diversion of explosives to the open market?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No such reports have come to the notice of the Government.

(c) : The number of explosions carried out by the naxalites alongwith the number of people (civilians and police personnel) killed in these explosions during 2005 are as under :

State	No. of explosions	No. of people killed
Chhattisgarh	29	35
Jharkhand	17	20
West Bengal	1	-
Maharashtra	9	17

(d): The Central Government has issued Guidelines for regulating the manufacture, transportation and storage of explosives. Besides, the State Governments are advised from time to time to streamline security mechanisms in this regard.