

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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WEAPONS RECOVERED BY ARMY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of weapons recovered/seized by security forces in North Eastern Region of the country during each of the last three years and the mode adopted for their use/disposal;
- (b) the steps taken to ensure proper control of these weapons and to check their misuse;
- (c) whether any investigation has been conducted as to how such weapons are finding their way to these States; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d) The details of weapons recovered by the security forces and surrendered before the security forces during the last three years (upto 31st March, 2005) are as follows:

Year	No. of weapons recovered/surrendered
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2003	1195
2004	618
2005 (upto 31.3.2005)	219

The weapons recovered/sized by security forces are produced before the Police Station on a seizure memorandum along with First Information Report. The seized weapons are retained in custody of security forces armories till such time as they are required to be produced in the court as evidence. After completion of court proceedings, the weapons seized by Army/Assam Rifles are deposited in Narangi Cantonment of Assam. Thereafter, such weapons are sent to Central Ordnance Depot, Jabalpur. While unserviceable weapons are destroyed, serviceable weapon are released to different units for use. Some non-service pattern weapons are also issued to service personnel on payment based on individual's application and procurement of weapon's licence. Similar procedure is adopted by other Central Police Forces/State Police Forces. The assessment by intelligence agencies reveals that the arms are illegally smuggled into the North Eastern Region from various sources including those located in some of the neighbouring countries based on which the Government has taken several steps to prevent flow of such arms into the region.