GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.318

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD FEBRUARY, 2017

BULLET PROOF JACKETS

318. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE: SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE रक्षा मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of bullet-proof jackets in the Armed Forces and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has procured bullet-proof jackets for the army in the past two years and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether bullet-proof jackets are produced in the country under the 'Make in India' programme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of bullet-proof jackets in the Armed Forces?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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- (a) & (b): Bullet Proof Jackets (BPJs) are being provided to soldiers as per laid down specifications and authorization. The procurement of Bullet Proof Jackets for the authorized quantity as per Annual Provisioning Review is an on-going process. In the past two years, 50,000 BPJs have been procured for the Indian Army.
- (c) & (d): The procurement of 50,000 BPJs indicated in reply to part (a) & (b) is through an Indian Manufacturer. Further, the case for procurement of BPJs of quantity 1,86,138 through Capital Route is under Buy (Indian) category.

BPJs are scaled items and they are procured as per laid down policy from time to time to meet the requirement of the Armed Forces.
