

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4138**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH MARCH, 2018/ PHALGUNA 29, 1939 (SAKA)
USE OF LESS LETHAL PLASTIC BULLETS**

4138. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce less lethal plastic bullets to be used against protesters in Jammu and Kashmir;**
- (b) whether the Government is considering enhanced use of bunkers to protect security forces from stone throwers after the annual shift of the capital from Jammu to Srinagar in the next few days;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has explored options to initiate a dialogue in Kashmir, including with the separatists, but no one had come forward and it had hit a dead end; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

(a): The Government has decided to introduce less lethal plastic bullets also to be used in tackling Law and Order situation in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) & (c): No, Madam.

(d) & (e) The Government has appointed Shri Dineshwar Sharma, former Director of Intelligence Bureau, as its representative, to initiate and carry forward a dialogue with elected representatives, various organizations and concerned individuals in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The response from people of Jammu and Kashmir has been very positive. A large number of delegations and individuals representing various sections of society and particularly youth have already interacted with Government of India representative.