

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3273**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2018/SHRAVANA 16, 1940 (SAKA)**

**GUN LICENCE**

**3273. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to change the existing procedure for issuing gun licence and to renew the gun licence by providing unique identification number;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the reasons and advantages of the proposed changes; and**
- (d) the time by which the new procedure is likely to be implemented?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): The Arms Rules, 2016 notified on 15.07.2016 have the provision of generating Unique Identification Number (UIN) for every licence being issued or renewed. The system generates a UIN for every licence and any licence without a UIN is considered invalid.**

**(c) & (d): A need was felt to evolve a mechanism to have a check on spread of illegal arms and strengthen the policy of the Government of non proliferation of firearms in the country. This issue was addressed by having a provision in the Arms Rules, 2016 of generating UIN for every licence being issued or renewed. Any licence without a UIN is considered invalid and weapon endorsed on it as illegal. The new Arms Rules, 2016 are in effect since 15.07.2016.**