

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1328**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH DECEMBER, 2018/ AGRAHAYANA 27, 1940
(SAKA)**

SHORTAGE OF MINE PROTECTED VEHICLE

†1328. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Reserve Police Force and other para military forces are facing shortage of mine-protected vehicles;

(b) if so, the number of mine-protected vehicles sanctioned by the Government for purchase during the last three years through open tendering and under modernisation scheme in order to deal with the threat of IEDs in left wing terrorism affected areas;

(c) the number of vehicles proposed to be procured vis-a-vis number of vehicles actually purchased during the said period;

(d) whether there is shortage of the said vehicles in Central Reserve Police Force and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to remove the said shortage?

ANSWER

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

(a): The requirement of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) for any item including Mine Protected Vehicles changes with time and their deployment pattern. Acquisition of such item is an ongoing process. The actual procurement of any equipment, including Mine Protected Vehicles is guided by operational requirements and availability of funds.

(b): MHA has sanctioned 179 Mine Protected Vehicles for procurement by CAPFs from Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) during the last three years.

(c): Out of total sanctioned 179 Mine Protected Vehicles, 39 Mine Protected Vehicles have been supplied by OFB to CAPFs during the said period.

(d): As replied at sl. no. (a) above.

(e): Ministry of Home Affairs has requested Ministry of Defence/Ordnance Factory Board for early supply of Mine Protected Vehicles to CAPFs. Further, Ordnance Factory Board has also been requested to expedite the supply of Mine Protected Vehicles to CAPFs during Target Fixation Meeting for the financial year 2019-20 held by Ministry of Home Affairs recently.
