

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3381**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 2023/ PHALGUNA 30, 1944 (SAKA)

ARMS TO CIVILIANS IN BORDER VILLAGES

3381. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering giving arms to civilians in border villages;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is also true that the Government is considering strengthening of the village defence committees in border villages; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

- (a) & (b): No such proposal is under consideration in respect of border villages.**
- (c) & (d): 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India and States / UTs are primarily responsible for maintenance of Law & Order including the management of Village Defence Groups / Committees formed or facilitated by them.**
