GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 272

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH JULY, 2021/ ASHADHA 29, 1943 (SAKA)

MODERNISATION OF STATE POLICE

†272. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the financial assistance is provided by the Union Government to modernize State Police and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) if so, the details of budget allocated to modernize Bihar police?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. However, the Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments towards equipping and modernizing of their police forces, by providing financial assistance under the scheme of 'Assistance to States for Modernisation of Police' [erstwhile scheme of Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF)]. Under this scheme, the States have been provided central assistance for acquisition of advanced weaponry such as INSAS Rifles & AK series rifles; all types of intelligence equipment including Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), Night Vision Devices (NVDs), CCTV Surveillance system & body

worn camera systems; modern communication equipment and state-of-theart equipment for security / training / forensics / cybercrime / traffic
policing. Further, 'construction' and 'purchase of operational vehicles' are
permitted in the insurgency affected north-eastern States and Left Wing
Extremism (LWE) affected districts. The State Governments are free to
include proposals in accordance with their strategic priorities and
requirements. The scheme, in its present form, was approved by the
Government for implementation from the year 2017-18. The details of
budget allocated and released amount, under the scheme to modernize
Bihar Police since the year 2017-18 are as below:

(Rs. in crore)

| Year | Allocated amount | Released amount* |
|---------|------------------|------------------|
| 2017-18 | 33.73 | 5.73 |
| 2018-19 | 29.90 | 13.18 |
| 2019-20 | 27.62 | 9.42 |
| 2020-21 | 27.62 | 19.12 |

^{*}Release is less than allocation on account of non-submission of Utilization Certificates(UCs).
