

Analysis of Guns sold to MPs

(based on data received under RTI by Activist Mr. Ambrish Pandey)

Mr. Ambrish Pandey, an RTI activist, had filed an RTI on sale of guns to MPs. Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and National Election Watch (NEW) has analysed that data and came up with the following analysis:

Highlights:

- A total of 756 guns were sold to MPs and VIPs between 1987 and 2012.
- A total of 675 guns were sold between 1987 and 2001, 39 between 2001 and 2004, and 42 between 2005 and 2012.
- Between 2001 and 2012, 82 MPs have purchased guns from the government.
- 18 of these 82 MPs who were sold guns have pending criminal cases against them, including charges of murder, attempt to murder, kidnapping etc., at the time of sale.
- Amongst the 82 MPs who have been allotted guns from the government, Atiq Ahmed from Uttar Pradesh has 44 criminal cases including charges of murder, attempt to murder etc., followed by Abu Asim Azmi from Maharashtra and Rakesh Sachan from Uttar Pradesh with 7 cases each.
- These are guns seized by Customs and then sold to MPs and VIPs on a first come first served basis. In earlier years these guns were sold well below market price. Recently the price was hiked to include tariff.

Policy decisions regarding sale of guns to the MPs:

After 2002, a policy decision was taken that only MPs can be sold such guns. Some of the guns are classified as prohibited guns, but it was not clear from the data provided by Customs about which guns were prohibited and which were non prohibited. Prohibited guns need special permission from the Finance Minister to be given to anyone including MPs.

In some cases, special permission was given for out of turn allotment of prohibited guns to MPs, and VIPs. Ordinary citizens were never eligible for purchasing such guns even if they had obtained a license.

Prominent MPs who have purchased guns

Among the prominent and well known persons who have purchases guns are:

Name of the MP	Name of the MP	Name of the MP
Syed Shahabuddin	Jayanti Natrajan	Akbar Ahmed Dumpy
Margaret Alva	Vinay Katyar	Uma Bharti
Jagdish Tytler	S.S. Ahluwalia	Vijay Goel
Bir Bhadra Pratap Singh	Bhupinder Singh Hooda	Yogi Aditya Nath
K.P. Singh Deo	Swamy Yoganand	M.S. Gill former CEC (was not MP at that time)
Vijay Kumar Malhotra	Satpal Singh Yadav (at least two guns)	Vinod Khanna
Arun Nehru, Kalyan Singh	Madan Lal Khurana	Syed Shahnawaz Hussain
Vasundhara Raje Scindia	C.K. Jaffer Sharief	Jitender Prasad
Kalyan Singh Kalvi	Sibu Soren	Mohammad Shahbuddin
Mayawati	Madhavrao Scindia	Rashid Alvi
Digvijay Singh	Kamal Morarka	Abu Azmi
Renuka Choudhary	Bhanu Pratap Singh	Atiq Ahmed
Taslimuddin	Babu Lal Marandi	

Several of them already have VIP protection.

Questions raised by these sale of guns to MPs

From a citizen's perspective there are several questions regarding sale of such guns.

- Why should such guns be sold only to MPs when several of them already have police protection?
- When several MPs have serious criminal cases against them, including 13 with serious cases, why are guns sold to them?
- Why should any such policy discriminate against ordinary citizens – if someone has a license, and is not an MP or VIP why should (s) he not be eligible for such guns?
- Does the Government track the possession of such guns after some years to check if those who were sold such guns still have them in their possession? It is well known that the black market price for such guns is much higher than what the Government sells it for.

- Why are prohibited guns (automatic and semi automatic) sold to MPs and VIPs? Such weapons are used by the military, terrorist and extremist organizations.
- In an earlier practice, guns were leased to Customs department officials who had to return them on retirement. Have such guns been returned in all cases?

Commenting on the data received through RTI, Mr. Pandey said that *“This centralised sale point for VIPs under the Finance Ministry allows the government to follow an ad hoc, discretionary and opaque policy of allotment. For example, a gun was denied to ex-DG, Central Economic Intelligence Bureau, S.P.S. Pundir despite the fact that his vigilance-related work posed a security risk but allotted to another officer doing a desk job.”*

“The evidence shows over 40 exceptional allotments out of a total of 800,” Mr. Pandey points out.

Full list of MPs who have purchased guns from the government after 2001

The following table shows all the MPs who have purchased guns from the government after 2001

S.No	Name & designation	State	Description of weapon	Date	Sale Value in Rs.	No. of criminal cases	Serious IPC sections	Details of serious/non serious Criminal cases	Description of IPCs
1	Atiq Ahmed, MP	Uttar Pradesh	Ruger Rifle M-77 Mark 11, 30.06mm 782-22893	08-12-2006	315000	44	26	153A, 194, 302, 307, 325, 364, 365, 368, 384, 420, 467, 468, 471	6 charges related to Murder(IPC section-302), 6 charges related to Attempt to murder(IPC section-307), 2 charges related to Kidnapping or abducting in order to murder(IPC section-364), 3 charges related to extortion(IPC section-384) and others

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2	Abu Asim Azmi, MP	Maharashtra	9mm Pistol, PPK, .380 bore 156987	03-10-2005	300000	7	4	153A, 325, 420, 465	1 charges related to voluntarily causing grievous hurt(IPC section-325), 1 charge related to cheating and dishonesty inducing delivery of property (IPC section - 420, charge related to forgery (IPC section- 465) and others
3	Rakesh Sachan, MP	Uttar Pradesh	P-Beretta Pistol	04-06-2010	210000	7	2	307, 364	1 charges related to Attempt to murder(IPC section-307), 1 charges related to Kidnapping or abducting in order to murder(IPC section-364) and others
4	P.D. Elanguan, MP,	Tamil Nadu	.22 bore Asta Pistol	23-10-2002	21500	5	1	307	1 charges related to Attempt to murder(IPC section-307) and others
5	Afzal Ansari, MP	Uttar Pradesh	.32 bore Pistol	14-12-2004	150000	4	2	302, 307	2 charges related to Murder(IPC section-302), 1 charges related to Attempt to murder(IPC section-307) and others
6	Brajesh Pathak, MP	Uttar Pradesh	7.65mm czech Pistol 047251	16-06-2005	80000	4	2	307, 364	1 charges related to Attempt to murder(IPC section-307), 1 charges related to Kidnapping or abducting in order to murder(IPC section-364) and others

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7	Kapil Muni, MP	Uttar Pradesh	Ruger Revolver, .357 magnum	12-04-2012	95000	4	4	302, 307, 379, 411, 419, 420	1 charges related to Murder(IPC section-302), 1 charges related to Attempt to murder(IPC section-307), 2 charges related to theft (IPC section-379), 2 charge related to cheating and dishonesty inducing delivery of property (IPC section - 420 and others
8	Sangeeta Kumari Deo, MP	Orissa	7.65mm Beretta Pistol	02-07-2002	26500	3	3	294	3 charges related to Obscene acts and songs (IPC section-294)
9	Rakesh Pandey, MP	Uttar Pradesh	S&W Revolver, Cal .44 LR	28-11-2011	100000	3	2	302, 364A	1 charges related to Murder(IPC section-302), 1 charges related to kidnapping for ransom etc. (IPC section-364A) and others
10	R.K. Singh Patel, MP	Uttar Pradesh	Browning Pistol, .32 bore	21-03-2012	215000	3	1	307	1 charges related to Attempt to murder(IPC section-307) and others

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11	Dharam Raj Singh, MP	Uttar Pradesh	.32 bore Revolver	21-05-2002	23800	3	Nil	147,353,504, 148,323,336, 427	2 charges related to rioting (IPC section-147), 1 charge related to voluntarily causing hurt (IPC section-323) and others
12	S. Saiduzzaman, MP	Uttar Pradesh	7.65mm Walther Pistol	22-12-2003	100000	2	1	382	1 charge related to theft after preparation made for causing death, hurt or restraint in order to the committing of the theft (IPC section - 382) and others
13	Dayabhai V. Patel, MP	Daman and Diu	.32 bore Revolver	09-04-2003	70000	1	1	419, 420	1 charge related to cheating by personation (IPC section- 419), 1 charge related to cheating and dishonesty inducing delivery of property (IPC section - 420) and others
14	C. Kuppaswami, MP	Tamil Nadu	7.65mm Walther Pistol	17-12-2003	110000	1	1	3,07,324	1 charges related to Attempt to murder(IPC section-307), 1 charge related to Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means (IPC section - 324)

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15	Jual Oram, MP	Orissa	.32 bore Revolver	17-04-2002	51535	1	Nil	143,341, 34	1 charge related to wrongful restraint (IPC section- 341) and others
16	R.K Pandey (Ravindra Kumar Pandey), MP	Jharkhand	.32 bore Revolver	30-04-2002	15650	1	Nil	143, 147, 174, 341	1 charges related to rioting (IPC section-147), 1 charge related to wrongful restraint (IPC section- 341) and others
17	Yashvir Singh, MP	Uttar Pradesh	Carl Walther Pistol 9mm Kurz	24-05-2010	215000	1	Nil	147, 323, 504	1 charges related to rioting (IPC section-147), 1 charge related to voluntarily causing hurt (IPC section- 323) and others

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18	Ravinder Singh Pandey, MP	Jharkhand	Parker Hale Rifle 30.06 bore	03-10-2011	175000	1	Nil	143, 147, 174, 341	1 charges related to rioting (IPC section-147), 1 charge related to wrongful restraint (IPC section- 341) and others
19	Babban Rajbhar, MP	Uttar Pradesh	30.06 Rifle	21/11/01	56392	Nil	Nil		
20	Pyarelal Sankhwar, MP	Uttar Pradesh	.22 bore Revolver	04-12-2002	7835	Nil	Nil		
21	Tapan Sikdar, MP	West Bengal	7.65mm Pistol	18/4/02	62645	Nil	Nil		
22	M Kannappan, MP	Tamil Nadu	.32 bore Revolver	05-06-2002	17650	Nil	Nil		
23	Iqbal Ahmed Saraogi, MP	Karnataka	7.65mm Pistol	14/5/02	24750	Nil	Nil		
24	P.S Gadavi, MP	Gujarat	.25 Pistol	13/6/02	21075	Nil	Nil		
25	Tarachand Bhagora, MP	Rajasthan	.32 bore Revolver	08-07-2002	24750	Nil	Nil		
26	Ambarish, MP	Karnataka	.22 bore Pistol	08-12-2002	30070	Nil	Nil		

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27	Rama Chandran Khuntia, MP	Orissa	.22 bore Revolver	19/8/02	19635	Nil	Nil		
28	Bhupinder Singh *	NA	9mm Pistol	11-08-2002	72136				
29	Tribhuwan Dutt, MP	Uttar Pradesh	.32 bore Revolver	31/3/03	70060	Nil	Nil		
30	Tarachand Patel, MP	Madhya Pradesh	.25 bore Pistol	17/4/03	58000	Nil	Nil		
31	Bhupinder Singh Solanki, MP	Gujarat	.32 bore Revolver	24/9/03	80000	Nil	Nil		
32	Srichand Kriplani, MP	Rajasthan	.32 bore Revolver	22/10/03	80000	Nil	Nil		
33	Rashid Alvi, MP	Andhra Pradesh	7.65mm Walther Pistol	28/11/03	100000	Nil	Nil		
34	Z Magaibou, MP (Passed away)	Manipur	Walther Pistol	12-08-2003	100000	Nil	Nil		
35	Anil Basu, MP	West Bengal	.32 bore Revolver	14/7/04	140000	Nil	Nil		
36	Sri Prakash Jaiswal, MP	Uttar Pradesh	7.65mm Walther Pistol	16/7/04	130000	Nil	Nil		

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37	Rajnarain Budholia, MP	Uttar Pradesh	7.65mm Walther Pistol	22/7/04	150000	Nil	Nil		
38	Lal Chand, MP	Uttar Pradesh	.22 bore Erma	22/12/04	50000	Nil	Nil		
39	A Sudarshan, MP	Andhra Pradesh	.25 Raven Pistol S.No. 820880	02-02-2005	60000	Nil	Nil		
40	Tarlochan Singh, MP	Punjab	.32 S&W Revolver S. No H154294	02-09-2005	140000	Nil	Nil		
41	Ashok Kumar Rawat, MP	Uttar Pradesh	7.65mm Walther Pistol 30091P	24/3/2005	155000	Nil	Nil		
42	Yognand Shastri, MOS, Govt of NCT	Delhi	.32 S&W Revolver S. No BMA 6714	15/4/2005	14000	Nil	Nil		
43	Kirti Vardhan Singh, MP	Uttar Pradesh	Carl Walther .380 bore ppk/s, 9mm kurz, 156949	19/4/2005	300000	Nil	Nil		
44	Mahender Prasad Nishad, MP	Uttar Pradesh	.32 S&W Revolver S. No H127960	27/6/2005	145000	Nil	Nil		

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45	Janardhan Dwivedi, MP	Delhi	.32 S&W Revolver S. No H135724	07-08-2005	145000	Nil	Nil		
46	Sugrib Singh, MP	Orissa	RS Revolver, 32 bore 1293986	27/7/2005	110000	Nil	Nil		
47	Rajesh Kumar Mishra, MP	Uttar Pradesh	7.65 mm Carl Walther Pistol PPK 184004	20/10/2005	175000	Nil	Nil		
48	Jaswant Singh Bishnoi, MP	Rajasthan	.32 S&W Revolver S. No H135673	23/11/2006	145000	Nil	Nil		
49	Jai Singh Rao Gaikwad, MP	Maharashtra	.32 bore Revolver, Mod HW-31313386	23/3/2007	100000	Nil	Nil		
50	K.B. Shanappa, MP	Karnataka	.22 LR bore Pistol Star, F891488	20/8/2007	80000	Nil	Nil		
51	Karam Chand Singh Baba, MP	Uttarakhand	Carl Walther 0.380/9mm pistol	22-/1/2008	300000	Nil	Nil		
52	P.S. Gadhavi, MP	Gujarat	Raven Pistol .25 bore	28/2/2008	55000	Nil	Nil		

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53	Nakul Das Rai, MP	Sikkim	bersa pistol .22 bore	20/3/2008	50000	Nil	Nil		
54	Harinder Singh Malik, MP	Haryana	Colt Revolver .357 bore Mk III	16/4/2008	55000	Nil	Nil		
55	Rampal Singh, MP	Uttar Pradesh	Erma Wenke Pistol, .22 bore	07-01-2008	45000	Nil	Nil		
56	Dr. M. Jagannath, MP	Andhra Pradesh	Erma Werke Revolver .32 bore	24/10/2008	90000	Nil	Nil		
57	Dr. Shaffikurrahman Burk, MP	Uttar Pradesh	bersa pistol .22 bore	24/2/2009	50000	Nil	Nil		
58	Jitender Singh, MP	Rajasthan	Carl Walther Pistol .32 bore	11-05-2009	245000	Nil	Nil		
59	Vijay Inder Singh, MP	Punjab	Carl Walther Pistol .32 bore	11-05-2009	222500	Nil	Nil		
60	N.R. Govindarajar, MP	Tamil Nadu	P-Beretta Pistol .22 bore	23/11/2009	105000	Nil	Nil		
61	Shailendra Kumar, MP	Uttar Pradesh	S&W Revolver	07-02-2010	270000	Nil	Nil		

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62	Vincent H Pala, MP	Meghalaya	Carl Walther Pistol 9mm Kurz	01-03-2011	220000	Nil	Nil		
63	Lal Chand Kataria, MP	Rajasthan	Erma Wenke Pistol, .32 bore	21/2/2011	80000	Nil	Nil		
64	Mithlesh Kumar, MP	Uttar Pradesh	Savage Rifle 30.06 bore	28/2/2011	205000	Nil	Nil		
65	Deoraj Singh Patel, MP	Madhya Pradesh	Arminius Revolver .22 bore	04-11-2011	85000	Nil	Nil		
66	Salim Ansari, MP	Uttar Pradesh	Browning Pistol, 7.65mm	30/11/2011	85000	Nil	Nil		
67	Jitender Singh Malik, MP	Haryana	Remington 700 rifle Cal .3006	16/1/2012	250000	Nil	Nil		
68	Manvendra Singh	Rajasthan	Walther P.99 Pistol	13/8/2002	80792	Nil	Nil		
69	Smt. Sushree Devi, MP	Orissa	.22 Pistol Ruger, LR model mk II 18-61883	27/9/2007	65000	Details not available Rajya Sabha member, 2002-2008			
70	Smt. Prema Cariappa, MP	Karnataka	.32 S&W Revolver S. No AFK 9773	02-05-2007	155000	Details not available Rajya Sabha member 2002-2008			
71	P.K Maheshwari, MP	Madhya Pradesh	7.65mm Pistol	15/5/02	23500	Details not available Rajya Sabha member, 2000-2006			
72	S.P.M Syed Khan, MP	Tamil Nadu	.32 bore Revolver	13/6/02	9820	Details not available Rajya Sabha member 2002-2004			

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74	Shyamlal, MP	Uttar Pradesh	.32 bore Revolver	29/10/01	9820			Details not available Rajya Sabha member, 2001-2002	
75	S.S. Chandran (Passed Away), MP	Tamil Nadu	.22 bore Revolver	13/6/02	19635			Details not available Rajya Sabha member 2004	
76	Kumkum Rai, MP	Bihar	.25 colt Pistol	16/9/04	58000			Details not available Rajya Sabha member 2000-2001	
77	Arun Kumar Singh, MP	Bihar	30.06 Rifle	27/2/02	84956			Details not available Lok Sabha member, 1999	
78	G.P Swamy Gowda, MP (Passed Away)	Karnataka	.32 bore Erma Revolver	25/10/02	62650			Details not available Lok Sabha member 1999	
79	Bhai Lal Kol, MP	Uttar Pradesh	Astra Revolver .32 bore	04-02-2009	85000			Details not available Contested in 2007 bye-elections	
80	Manik Singh, MP	Madhya Pradesh	Pietro Beretta Pistol .22 bore	28/3/2008	40000			Details not available Contested in 2007 bye-elections	
81	T.R. Prasad (Former Cabinet Secretary)	NA	7.65mm Pistol	21/10/02	62645			Not Available	
82	Minerva Singh, MP	NA	.22 bore Pistol	04-10-2003	55000			Not Available	

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