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Question No. (Q 13 Opp 13)

Member Asking:

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P.

QUESTIONS

REPORT ON LOST WEAPONS OF THE GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE (GDF)

Could the Hon. Prime Minister state:

- (i) Is the Government in receipt of a report on the weapons which the GDF claimed it lost in February, 2006 and if yes, is the Government satisfied with the report?
- (ii) Will the Government commission an independent enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the missing weapons, and to receive sound recommendations as to how such an occurrence can be prevented in the future?

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Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works & Communications

Answers

- (i) The GDF established a Board of Inquiry, the report from which was submitted to the Defence Board. The Defence Board is examining that report in conjunction with the pertinent and significant revelations emanating from a number of publicly known events in which a number of the guns were recovered.

The Government is not yet at a point to make a determination whether an independent enquiry should be commissioned.

The Government would always welcome sound recommendations about how such an occurrence can be prevented in the future.