

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:810
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VVIP SECURITY
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `VVIP Security highly obtrusive , says` S.P.G.` appearing in the `Indian Express` dated 21 January, 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts reported therein; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The news-item refers to the observations of SPG and suggestions of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on VVIP/VII security. However, SPG had not sent any secret note to Cabinet Committee on Security Affairs (CCSA) as mentioned in the news-item. The issues mentioned by the Journalist were reflected in the Working Paper prepared by SPG on the subject `VIP Security in a Developing Country` on the occasion of the SPG Raising Day Seminar, 1999. The Working Paper was circulated among the opinion-makers from various fields including top journalists who were invited for participating in the Seminar.

(c) The suggestions/observations on the subject of security which are received by the Government are considered and appropriate decisions are taken, wherever considered necessary. Government have recently taken some steps to make security less obtrusive.;