GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4373 ANSWERED ON:17.12.2002 POLICE FAIL TO FIND BOMBS GADDE RAMAMOHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'police fail to find bombs' appeared in the 'Times of India' dated November 01, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details and facts of the matter reported therein; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to spruce up the preparedness of the police in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Delhi Police had carried out a mock exercise on 19th October, 2002 to check alertness of police personnel on route duties by planting two dummy bombs on the VIP route. However, these dummy bombs could not be detected by the police personnel deployed on duty.
- (c): Such mock exercises are condcuted frequently to test the alertness of the force and effectiveness of the security drill. The weaknesses noticed during these exercises are analysed for further improvement of the system and preparedness of the police personnel.