

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3210  
ANSWERED ON:04.02.2004  
RECRUITMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN IN U.S. FORCE  
T. GOVINDAN

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

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- (a) Whether the Government is aware of any proposal to recruit Ex-servicemen from India to work under U.S. Force in Iraq;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) & (b) The Government is aware of media reports regarding recruitment of ex-servicemen / police personnel by a private recruiting firm M/s S N International of Kochi for possible work on security duties in Iraq.
- (c) The Government does not normally prevent individual citizens from seeking, in their personal capacity, economic opportunities in India or abroad. However, as provided under the law, and in view of the prevailing security situation in Iraq, the Government is taking necessary measures, including the highlighting of the hazards of working in Iraq at this time.