

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4425

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SECURITY BREACH

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Army plays down security breach" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated December 8, 2005;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any inquiry into the incident;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (d) the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to check recurrence of such lapses?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): A case of loss of pen drive in the Army Head Quarters has come to the notice of the Government, recently. A Board of Officers was constituted to inquire into the incident and it has come to the conclusion that the pen drive was lost by an Army Officer but it apparently did not contain any official or classified material. The concerned officer has been counselled for the said loss. Appropriate security related remedial measures have been taken to prevent recurrence of such lapses.