GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:442
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2006
NAVY WAR ROOM LEAK CASE
Gangwar Shri Santosh Kumar;Gehlot Shri Thaawar Chand;Masood Shri Rasheed;Pingle Shri Devidas Anandrao;Saradgi Shri Iqbal Ahmed;Sethi Shri Arjun Charan;Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has conducted searches at several places in the country in connection with Navy War room leak case;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether some officials of the Defence forces have been found involved for supplying secret documents;

(d) if so, the facts thereof; and

(e) the time by which investigation in this regard is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 442 FOR ANSWER ON 27.7.2006

Based on information provided by the Ministry of Defence, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case under section 120-B of the Indian Penal Code read with sections 3 (1) (c) and section 5 of the Official Secrets Act, 1923 against dismissed officers of the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force along with private persons and retired officers and unknown persons who had conspired to unauthorizedly trade off classified documents/information relating to the Ministry of Defence. Searches were conducted at 18 places on 5th − 6th April, 2006 and at 20 places on 23rd June, 2006 at the offices, residences and factories of the accused and some other suspects.

2. The CBI has filed chargesheet in the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Delhi on 3rd July, 2006 against Lt. (Retd.) Kulbhushan Parashar, Lt. Commander (Retd.) Ravishankaran, Ex-Wg. Commander S.L. Surve, Indian Air Force, Ex-Commander Vijender Rana, Indian Navy and Ex-Commander Vinod Kumar Jha, Indian Navy.

3. Further investigation of the case by the CBI is continuing. No definite time-frame to complete the investigation can be indicated at this stage.