

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DEPLOYMENT OF CPMF TO RELIGIOUS PLACES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has deployed Central Para Military Forces (CPMF) for providing security cover to several places of worship in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the criteria adopted for providing security cover to places of worship; and
- (c) the names of such places of worship in the country where such forces have been deployed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): Yes Madam, The Government has deployed Central para Military Forces (CPMF's) for providing security at only five religious places, Ram Janam Bhomi/Babri masjid, Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Krishna Janam Bhoomi, Mata Vaishno Devi shrine and Rumtek Monastery, Gangtok based on the recommendations of a committee constituted in this regard. However it may be further stated that the security of religious places is essentially the responsibility of the concerned State Governments, as "Law & Order" is a State subject. As such the Government of India only has primarily an advisory role to play in this regard.