

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:908
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2010
EXPLOSIVE DEVICE RECEIVED IN INDIAN EMBASSY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian embassy in Italy recently received an explosive device in the form of a postage packet; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) Yes.

(b) The Indian Embassy in Rome on 18 January, 2010 received a letter by post which contained an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). The envelope had two fuse wires. However, the envelope did not explode. The sender's name on the packet was mentioned as LTTE from Italy. The Italian Foreign Office and local police were immediately informed. A report was filed with the local police and security at the Embassy was stepped up. Police are investigating the incident.