

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY THREAT TO INDIAN OFFICIALS  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government aware of the heightened security threat to the Indian officials posted in Afghanistan and Iraq;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the insurance cover for the staff posted at Indian Missions in the above countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

- (a) & (b) Government continuously monitors and evaluates all developments in the region and beyond that impact the security of Indian personnel and interests abroad. Government is vigilant in regard to all security threats and takes necessary measures to counter such threats.
- (c) to (e) For staff posted in Indian Missions in Afghanistan, following the terrorist attack on February 26, 2010 in Kabul, the insurance coverage was increased from Rs. 30/- Lakhs to Rs. 50/- lakhs. As regards Indian staff posted in Iraq, there is no such proposal as of now.