GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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THREAT TO COMMONWEALTH GAMES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports about security threats during the forthcoming Commonwealth Games;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the officials of the Ministry have recently visited the Commonwealth Games sites to examine/ assess the security arrangements;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the proposal mooted to review the security arrangements for the Commonwealth Games;
- (e) whether the Union Government has issued any directives/suggestions to the Delhi Government in this regard;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the other measures taken by the Government to ensure foolproof security to visitors and foreign guests?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): There is no specific input suggesting threat to the Commonwealth Games, 2010. However, there is general threat from those militant groups who want to strike at high profile targets.

The Delhi Police in consultation with the Union Home Ministry and Central security agencies has planned elaborate security measures for the safe and secure conduct of the Games. As regards security arrangements in the NCR region, security plans have already been formulated by the concerned State police departments.

- (c) to (f): Yes Madam. Officials of the Ministry led by the Union Home Secretary recently visited the Commonwealth Games site to review the security arrangements. The security arrangements for the Commonwealth Games are being coordinated in the Ministry of Home Affairs(MHA) through two high level committee i.e. the Empowered Security Committee (ESC) under the chairmanship of the Union Home Secretary and Commonwealth Games Security Review Committee (CWGSRC) under the chairpersonship of Special Secretary(CS). In this regard, meetings with Delhi Police, Delhi Government, Organizing Committee for CWG, Ministry of Sports and all the concerned Departments are held on fortnightly basis and if needed more frequently.
- (g): For Commonwealth Games, 2010, a comprehensive security plan for all the participants/team officials/ technical staff/Media persons/spectators etc. has been formulated by Delhi Police and Central Security Agencies. An International Security Liaison Group has also been constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs with representatives from various security agencies to effectively liaison with the security representatives of all participating countries before and during the Commonwealth Games and to address their security concerns.