

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY THREAT TO SPACE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sriharikota Space Centre and other such vital installations in the country are facing security threat;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to boost the security of the same;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS , MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) There has been no specific security threat received against Sriharikota or any other such vital ISRO installations in the country. Two cases, of which one was alleged firing by a person from outside the campus of IDSN installation and another was a hoax bomb threat call to ISRO Satellite Centre, have occurred recently. They are being investigated by the concerned police authorities. Though there has been no specific threat to the space installations in the country, general security is tightened whenever there is a red alert issued by the Home Ministry or any other concerned agency. The few cases of trespassing as and when occurred are regularly being reported to police for necessary action.

(b),(c)&(d) Based on the security threat perceptions, security arrangements are being constantly reviewed and beefing up and necessary augmentation are being done. In fact, National Security Adviser had recently taken a security review and efforts are being made to implement the security considerations that have emerged during presentation. At various levels, Security Committees with the participation of connected agencies including CISF, which is giving the professional security protection to the installations of ISRO, keep reviewing and implementing necessary security measures for the protection of the installations both at facility level as well as at Department level.