

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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VIP MOVEMENT

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a report of the death of persons/children due to high security arrangements in connection with a VIP visit in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to review the security arrangements provided to VIPs so as to allow unhindered emergency services and least inconvenience to the common man; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): As per information received, there were media reports linking two deaths with VIP movement on the occasion, one in Chandigarh on 3, November, 2009 and one on 3, July, 2010 in Kanpur. However, enquiries revealed that the first death occurred due to kidney failure and the second due to grievous head injuries suffered by a boy when the iron gate of his newly constructed house fell on him. In both cases, the deaths were not attributed to VIP movement at the time.

(e) & (f): Existing guidelines for protection of the President, Prime Minister and other SPG protectees already provide that security arrangements for them should be made in an unobtrusive manner so as to cause minimum inconvenience to public. Besides the above, a security advisory is issued before each visit to concerned State governments advising them that the security arrangements made in connection with visits of the President, the Prime Minister and other SPG protectees should be unobtrusive to the extent possible and cause minimum public inconvenience. The state police authorities are also advised that necessary facilitation should be provided for emergency/essential/humanitarian services like hospitals, ambulances, fire tenders, relief vans, etc.