

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY TO RELIGIOUS PLACES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has deployed Central Para-Military Forces (CPMF) personnel for the security of certain important religious places and temples in the country;
- (b) if so, the names of the religious places and temples where CPMF personnel have been deployed for security including Sai Temple in Maharashtra; and
- (c) the other measures taken by the Government to beef up security of such places?

Answer

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

(a)& (b): The responsibility for providing security to public places, including places of religious importance, rests primarily with the State Governments/UT Administrations. Based on requests received from the State Governments, personnel of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) are placed at the disposal of the State Governments/UT Administrations for deployment at important places as per their requirements, including at places of religious importance such as Vaishno Devi Shrine, J & K, Ram Janam Bhumi and Babri Masjid Complex, Ayodhya, Kashi Vishwanath Mandir and Gyan Vapi Masjid Complex, Varanasi etc.

(c): Central Security Agencies carry out periodic security reviews of important places, including places of religious importance, and the report of the security reviews are forwarded to the State Governments/UT Administrations concerned for necessary action as per the recommendations made therein for strengthening security. Threat inputs, as and when received, are promptly shared with the State Governments and advisories are also issued. Further, requests from State Governments/UT Administrations for additional deployment of CAPFs on occasions such as Kumbh Mela, Jagannath Rath Yatra, Annual Urs at Ajmer etc., are also considered by the Government and additional forces are provided to the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations for enhanced security cover to these religious places/events.