

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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LEAKING OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sensitive documents/defence-related information have been leaked/stolen from the Indian Embassy in Moscow during the last two years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken against the persons found responsible; and
- (e) the measures taken to prevent such incidents in future and review the existing system?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (e) No, there has been no leakage/theft of sensitive information/ documents from the Indian Embassy in Moscow in the last two years and the current year. However, an unclassified letter sent by fax by the Air Wing of the Embassy of India, Moscow to a Russian supplier of spare parts, M/s Aviazapchast, was reportedly made available to the media by a hacker group following reported hacking of the database of Italian Computer Crime Centre of Critical Infrastructure Protection (CNAIPIC). The investigation carried out by the Embassy revealed that the unclassified document was not leaked from the Embassy. It may have leaked from some other source. Nevertheless, the Embassy has reinforced its security measures.