

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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VIP SECURITY

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria adopted by the Government to provide security including Z level security cover to VIPs;
- (b) whether there are reports that security personnel in excess of the sanctioned number are being deployed for the security of VIPs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons who have been provided security including Z level security cover and the expenditure incurred thereon during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the persons provided with such security also bear part of the expenditure incurred thereon; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken to curtail the expenditure including recovery of the expenditure?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Security cover is provided to individuals on the basis of threat perception for them as assessed by the security agencies or on the basis of threat assessment relating to the posts held by them. The security is provided as per laid down instructions and rules, which stipulate, inter-alia the number of security personnel to be deployed to provide specific components of security cover depending on the categorization of the security cover provided. No such report of excess deployment of security personnel has been received in this Ministry either from the security agencies or from the State Governments.

(d) to (e): In so far as the security cover provided by the Central Government is concerned, no part of the expenditure on such security is borne by the protectee. However, as security cover is provided strictly on the basis of threat assessment and which is subject to periodic review, sometimes in cases where security is downgraded or withdrawn, there is a resultant reduction in expenditure.