

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any inputs regarding terrorist threats to the holy places including temples, mosques and churches in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government receives inputs from time to time regarding threats to places of religious importance including temples, mosques, churches etc.

As it is primarily the State Governments/Union Territory Administration which are responsible for security of such places, inputs regarding threats are promptly shared with them. Central Security Agencies also carry out periodic security audit of these places and make recommendations for strengthening security. These recommendations are forwarded to the State Governments concerned for necessary action. Advisories based on threat inputs and security audit recommendations are also sent to the State Governments from time to time.

Further, as and when requested, Central Armed Police Forces are also deployed with the State Governments for providing security, especially on special occasions such as Kumbh Mela etc.