

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4677  
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IMPACT OF MAPATHON ON SECURITY  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is true that Mapathon 2013 by Google`s map is likely to jeopardize national security;
- (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 R.P.N. SINGH)

(a & b): M/s Google, without any approval from any agency of the Government of India, conducted the Mapathon 2013 Competition to encourage participants to map their neighbourhood and places they 'care about' within the geographical boundaries of India. From national security point of view, civil and military Vital Areas (VAs)/Vital Points (VPs) cannot be shown in the map/data published in public domain.

(c): Surveyor General of India on 21.3.2013 wrote to M/s Google to stop the competition. A Police Complaint has also been lodged by Survey of India at R.K. Puram PS, New Delhi against M/s Google.