

**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 provides special security to important places including places of cultural and religious importance and temples/ memorials in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any request from the States with regard to providing more security to such important places in order to check incidents of vandalism and terrorist attacks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of such requests received and the action taken thereon during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Union Government to beef up the security of such important places?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The responsibility for providing security to important places including places of cultural and religious importance and temples/memorials in the country is primarily that of the State Government concerned. However, whenever so requested by the State Governments, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) are placed at the disposal of the State Governments for providing security in conjunction with the State Police. Similarly, during important religious and other occasions such as Kumbh Mela, Annual Urs at Ajmer, Amarnath Yatra etc, CAPF personnel are deployed on the request of the State Government concerned in order to strengthen the security arrangements.

(c) and (d): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e): Apart from providing CAPF personnel to strengthen security at important places on the request of the State Government /Ministry/ Organization concerned, Central Security Agencies also carry out periodic security audits of many of these important places and the recommendations of such security audits are forwarded to the State Government / Ministry/Organization concerned for appropriate action. Threat inputs, if any, in respect of important places, are also promptly shared with the State Governments and other authorities concerned. Ministry of Home Affairs also provides funds under the scheme of Police Modernization to the State Governments for purchase of new equipments etc.