

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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THREAT TO JAMNAGAR REFINERY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any inquiry has been initiated in the appearance of a mysterious illumination object above the Oil Refinery in Jamnagar, Gujarat in the month of January this year;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide fool-proof security to the oil refineries?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes Madam. The matter is being investigated by the local Police and Central Security Agencies, and it has been reported that the object could be a meteorological balloon or a 'Chinese sky Lantern' etc.

The primary responsibility for providing security to vital installations, including oil refineries, is of the State Governments/Union Territory(UT) Administrations concerned. The threat inputs, whenever received, are shared with the State Governments/UT Administrations and Department concerned, who are sensitised to coordinate security measures and strengthen security to counter these threats.

Besides, many such vital installations have been provided with security cover of Central Armed Police Forces for providing fool-proof security. Security agencies also carry out periodic security audit and make recommendations for strengthening security. Advisories, based on these recommendations and other inputs, are also issued from time to time to the authorities concerned.