

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1320
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MONITORING MEDIA REPORTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has any proposal to enlist an agency to monitor media reports of its interests and provide strength, weakness, opportunity and threat analysis on a regular basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the NIA has floated a tender in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the selected firm will have to undertake a comprehensive search of media reports relating to NIA and issues related to terror and present a daily update in soft copies; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

- (a) & (b): As per information made available by NIA, M/s BIUS Media Monitor, New Delhi has been engaged for one year w.e.f. 04.12.2012 for providing only newspaper clippings relating to NIA's interest i.e. terrorism related news etc. appearing in Delhi Publications on daily basis.
- (c): A tender was floated by NIA on 12.09.2012, which was cancelled due to technical reasons, as the expenditure involved was about Rs.5000/- per month only.
- (d) & (e): The selected agency will provide only news clippings of NIA's interest through E-mails on daily basis.