

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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NSA SPYING ON INDIA

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Indian Embassies and the Indian United Nations office in New York were put under sophisticated surveillance by NSA;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether the Government has raised its concerns with the USA; and

(d) if so, the response of America in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (d) Government is aware of media reports stating that the U.S. National Security Agency spied on 38 diplomatic missions of foreign countries, including the Indian Embassy in Washington DC, by implanting bugs and using specialized antennae. Government has expressed concerns over the reports of monitoring of the Indian Embassy and of our Mission to the UN in New York by U.S. agencies. Government has raised these concerns with the U.S. side at senior official levels. A substantive U.S. response is awaited.