

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:252
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ALLEGED SPYING ON INDIAN MISSIONS
Joshi Shri Chandra Prakash

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports regarding Indian Missions being allegedly spied upon;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the issue with the concerned countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the security of our missions against alleged International Spying?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

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

(e) Government is committed to take all steps for the security of our missions against alleged international spying and will take all counter measures in this regard.