GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3340 ANSWERED ON:17.03.2015 SECURITY AT BABRI MASJID SITE Ahmed Shri Sultan

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount spent on the maintenance and security at the site of the demolished Babri Masjid;
- (b) the number of security forces deployed and CCTV and other security arrangements made at the site;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the security cover of Ramjanam Bhumi at the Babri Masjid site recently; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (d): 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Cons- titution of India. Therefore, the responsibility for maintaining Law and Order and making security arrangements at the Acquired Area rests with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh. Adequate secu- rity personnel of the Central and State Governments are deployed for the security of the site. CCTVs are also installed in adequate numbers.

A Standing Committee on the security of the Ram Janma Bhoomi – Babri Masjid Complex at Ayodhya constituted by the Government of Uttar Pradesh holds meetings from time to time to review proper security arrangements and the latest meeting in this regard was held on 11.03.2015. The Central Government also held a meeting with the representatives of Government of Uttar Pradesh in June, 2014 to review the security arrangements.

As per information provided by the Authorized Person- Cum-Commissioner, Faizabad Division, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh,a total amount of Rs. 12 crore has been spent during the period 1994-95 to 2014-15 for the protection and upkeep of acquired properties at Ayodhya.