

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5705
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SECURITY TO ARDHAKUMBH MELA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide foolproof security cover for Haridwar and surrounding areas in view of Ardhakumbh mela which is likely to be held next year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in coordination with the concerned State Government and other agencies to provide security cover?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) : The responsibility of ensuring security on any religious occasion lies with the State Government concerned in whose jurisdiction the event is to take place as under Schedule VII, List-II of the Constitution of India, 'Police' and 'Public order' are State subjects. However, the Union Government places resources including man- power, technical teams etc. at the disposal of the State Government for important religious occasions, based on the requests received from them.