GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:105 ANSWERED ON:28.07.2015 3D Imagery of Metropolitan Areas Gupta Shri Sudheer;Udhayakumar Shri M.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting has been held with the representatives of Google with regard to 3D imagery of metropolitan cities on Google Earth;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome of the meeting;

(c) whether sensitive Government Buildings including Defence establishments are likely to be covered under 3D imagery and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*105 FOR 28.07.2015

(a) to (d): The Representatives of Google made a presentation on Google's 'Street View' technology to the MHA in April, 2015. It was suggested that this technology/ platform is useful for tourism and disaster management purposes etc. Subsequently, Google has submitted a formal proposal in July, 2015 to shoot images in India and upload it in the Street View platform.

The Government has referred the matter to the other ministries concerned and the intelligence agencies for their views in the matter.
