

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Security Clearance for Media
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has relaxed security norms for the media industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to extend the relaxed security clearance policy to other industries as well; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Home Affairs has recently streamlined/relaxed national security clearance norms for certain sensitive sectors of the economy including the media sector. The new policy guidelines are aimed at bringing about a healthy balance between meeting the imperatives of national security and facilitating the ease of doing business and promoting investment in the country. These guidelines also include the proposal to do away with national security clearance for multi system operators in the media sector.
