

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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LEAKAGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS OF WORLD LEADERS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the personal details of some world leaders including our PM who attended the G-20 summit last year were inadvertently leaked by the Australian Immigration department;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the matter has been raised with the Australian authorities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the response of Australia thereto?

Answer

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

(a)& (b) Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported on 30 March 2015, that information on Passport Numbers, Date of Birth and Visa details of 31 foreign leaders including Prime Minister of India, US President, Russian President and German Chancellor were inadvertently e-mailed by an Australian Immigration official to a member of the Asian Football Cup Local Organizing Committee.

(c)& (d) The Australian Immigration Department clarified that the leak was an `isolated example of human error` and it considered the breach to be `very low`, given that personal contact details were not revealed. The data was immediately deleted by the recipient and was not distributed further. The breach was referred to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner and the Department has reviewed and strengthened its e-mail protocols to limit and contain future breaches.