

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:135
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SECURITY COVER BY NSG
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of VIPs provided security cover by the National Security Guard (NSG) at present;
- (b) whether the NSG has been demanding removal of VIP security from its ambit as it dilutes the core area of its operation on counter-terrorism;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to withdraw the NSG security cover provided to the VIPs and assign it to some other agencies; and
- (e) if so, the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 135 DATED 2nd DECEMBER, 2014.

(a): As on date National Security Guard (NSG) is providing mobile security cover to 15 protectees.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. NSG has requested that it may be relieved of the role of providing security to individuals in order to concentrate on its primary role of counter- terrorism, hostage rescue and counter hijack.

(d) & (e): NSG provides security cover to only 15 protectees in the country based on threat and security assessment. At present, this Ministry does not propose to withdraw NSG security cover from these protectees. Other Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) have also been deployed in providing security to many protectees.