Title: The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs laid the statement correcting the reply given on 21.07.2009 to Unstarred Question No. 2360 by Shri (Capt.) Jai Narayan Prasad Nishad, M.P. regarding 'Tour by MCD officials' and reasons for delay in correcting the reply.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): Madam, I beg to lay the Statement to correct the reply of parts (a) and (b) of the Unstarred Question No.2360 dated 21.7.2009 in the Lok Sabha. Action was taken immediately to make the Statement on the floor of the House. However, it took some time in preparing Hindi version of the Statement and the requisite copies thereof.

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