

Title: Need to take steps to provide encryption facility on the wireless system of Delhi Police to ensure the security of the nation.

DR. SAROJA V. (RASIPURAM): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of this august House a serious issue regarding which reports have been published in the newspapers over the last one week. A news item appeared in The Hindustan Times of 13-7-98 under the headline "TV SETS CATCH DELHI COPS' SECRET MESSAGES". According to the report, secret conversations of the police force on wireless sets regarding VIP movements and other sensitive messages are in danger of being intercepted by the terrorists of Jammu and Kashmir. Senior police officers have confirmed that some TV sets pick up police wireless conversations because the frequency band used by the police is just a little over the civil band. TV and radio sets work on the same technique as that of wireless sets of Delhi Police, the Frequency Modulation. The wireless system of Delhi Police does not have encryption facility. As a result of this, the police conversations can easily be picked up.

The Government of India should take immediate steps to provide encryption facility on the wireless system of Delhi Police. I urge upon the Government of India to give a serious thought to this issue and take measures to ensure the security of the nation.