

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.\*134

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2013/PHALGUNA 15, 1934 (SAKA)

SPECIAL SECURITY COVERAGE TO VIPs/VVIPs

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Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

(a) the details of number of VIPs and VVIPs getting special security coverage by Government;

(b) what is the criteria and mechanism for deciding status of a VIP and VVIP; and

(c) the details of VIPs and VVIPs as on date?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA  
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(a): Only the President, Vice-President and Prime Minister are entitled to special security coverage as per the provisions of the relevant Blue Books, due to the high offices held by them. Apart from these dignitaries, Ex-Prime Ministers and/or their family members are also provided security under the Special Protection Group Act, 1988 on the basis of threat perception.

(b): The responsibility for providing security to an individual lies primarily with the State Government/Union Territory Administration in whose jurisdiction such individual ordinarily resides and/or happens to be. In so far as security cover provided by the Union Government is concerned, there is no official nomenclature whereby any such status as a VVIP or VIP is attributed to an individual. Security is provided to certain categories of individuals on positional basis including Union Ministers, Chief Justice and Justices of Supreme Court. Etc. Other individual are provided security on the basis of threat assessment. State Governments have similar mechanisms for assessing the threat perception and providing security to protectees under their jurisdiction.

(c): In so far as the details of security cover provided to individuals, including high public office holder, are concerned, it would not be in the public interest to divulge such details.

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