

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1044

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH, 2015/PHALGUNA 13,1936
(SAKA)

MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF CCTV CAMERAS AT PUBLIC
PLACES

1044. SHRI AVINASH PANDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated or is planning to formulate any guidelines for the mandatory installation of CCTV cameras for surveillance in public places that are created by and under the control of private persons, but not restricted to public gatherings at concerts, festivals, melas, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): "Police" and 'Law & Order" are State subjects as per VIIth Schedule to the Constitution of India. As such, it is primary responsibility of the State Governments to modernize and adequately equip its police forces and make security arrangements including installation of Closed-Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV). The Central Government provides funds to the States under the Modernization of State Police Forces Scheme (MPF) to help them to upgrade the equipment, weaponry, mobility, security arrangements, etc. In view of the periodic incidents of crime and terrorist

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activities in the country particularly in the metropolitan and urban areas, the Union government has advised the State Law Enforcement Agencies the need to put in place the regulations to make basic security features pertaining to access control and surveillance through CCTV cameras etc. mandatory in respect of certain types of private establishments for surveillances of public places such as Malls, Multiplexes, hotels, restaurants and other entertainment places, where there are large footfalls and public gatherings. Further, a detailed handbook on security benchmark containing such guidelines had also been circulated to all the State(s)/UT(s) by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
