GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1192 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 09TH DECEMBER, 2015/AGRAHAYANA 18, 1937 (SAKA)

SECURITY TO PERSONS OF POLITICAL AND JUDICIAL FIELD

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for providing security to persons of political and judicial field;
- (b) the category of persons of both fields for whom there is a provision for providing security guard;
- (c) whether there is a provision to provide security to Members of Parliament, if so, the number of Member of Parliament to whom security guards have been provided so far in the country along with details thereof; and
- (d) the names of persons and families in the country to whom security has been provided, the category-wise details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Security arrangements for President of India, Vice President of India and Prime Minister of India are made in accordance with the guidelines contained in their respective Blue Books issued by Ministry of Home Affairs and the SPG Act.

Security arrangements for other political personalities are made as per the guidelines laid down in the 'Yellow Book' titled 'Security arrangement for the protection of individuals'. The security arrangements for such individuals are made after careful assessment of their threat perception emanating from terrorists /militant/fundamentalist outfits and organized criminal gangs. The degree of threat varies from individual to individual, depending on factors, such as nature of activities, status, and likely gains for the terrorists, etc. Accordingly, categorized security cover (Z+, Z, Y & X) is provided to them on the basis of gravity of the threat.

The security so provided is periodically reviewed by Committee specially constituted for this purpose.

Certain categories of individuals, such as Union Ministers, State CMs and Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts, are provided positional/statutory security cover to facilitate bold and impartial decision making.

- (b) The protectees falling under Z+, Z, Y(threat) and Y category are entitled for getting the deployment of Static Armed Guard at their residence. Besides, Static Armed Guard are also provided to the protectee of any category based on the threat assessment.
- (c) Security cover to individuals, including MPs is provided only on the basis of individual threat perception. State Governments have their own criteria to provide security to MPs. The list of MPs provided security under various categories is not maintained centrally.
- (d) The details of individuals, who are being provided security cover, by Central Government cannot be disclosed in the public interest.
