

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2119
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/03/2018**

CAUTIOUS APPROACH ON REPORTING HOAX CALLS

2119. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring on board the electronic media with the instructions to be cautious while reporting the news of any hoax calls/ fake letters about planting of bombs at public places/trains/airports etc. as highlighting such news many-a-times leads to unnecessary sensationalization and fear in people's mind and disruption of public utilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry, in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs, would take some concrete steps for the benefit of public at large and dissuade such hoax callers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
[COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]**

(a) to (d): Ministry of Home Affairs has informed that the Ministry has issued an Advisory to all the State Governments/UT Administrations on 26.02.2016 regarding misleading letters/communications about planting of bombs at public place and requested them to get cases registered under relevant Sections of Law when such incidents occur and get them investigated professionally.
