GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2886

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MARCH, 2018/PHALGUNA 22, 1939 (SAKA)
PROTECTION OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS

2886. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:

SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sriharikota Space Centre (SHAR) and other vital installations in the country are adequately protected from any security threats;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to boost security and surveillance by installing Thermal cameras to these vital installations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the safety and security measures taken by the Government to identify and thwart any threats emanating from the sea, air and ground; and
- (f) the funds allocated for carrying out the safety, security and surveillance of these vital and strategically important installations during the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (e) Security arrangements of Sriharikota Space Centre (SHAR) and other vital installations in the country are being constantly reviewed and beefed up with necessary augmentation, whenever there is any specific security threat/alert from security /intelligence agencies. Various safety gadgets as advised by security agencies are installed in various vital installations, including SHAR. For additional security of highly sensitive installation like Nuclear Power Plants, Space stations, Defence production

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units, Refineries, Research facilities etc. Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) of CISF have been formed and Air Defence cover by Air Force/Army Air Elements are also available. Waterfront security of the installations located in the coastal areas is being provided by State Marine Police. Besides, some of the sensitive installations are provided with dedicated boat patrolling by marine trained CISF Personnel.

(f) MHA has no separate fund allocated for safety and security of vital and strategically important installations. The necessary funds are allocated by the Ministry/ Department/ PSUs concerned with the Vital/strategic installations.
