

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY THREAT TO HINDON AIR FORCE STATION  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item appeared in 'Navbharat Times' dated June 9, 2000 wherein security of Hindon Airport has reportedly been endangered due to residents of the civilians of the areas;
- (b) if so, the details and veracity of the fact reported therein; and
- (c) the details of the effective policy proposed to be adopted for the security of the Hindon Air Base/Air Force Station?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The news-item inter-alia mentions about the danger to the security of the Hindon Airport mainly due to unauthorised residents of the quarters inside the Airport, no record of the visitors/labourers employed in the construction work being maintained, unauthorised slaughter houses near the airfield etc. The matter has been investigated by Air HQrs and it has been found that the security of the Hindon Air base is not being compromised as reported in the news-item. There is no case of any residential quarters being sub-let to out-siders. However, it is true that there was an incident of theft of Rs. 27,63,400/- from the Syndicate Bank located in domestic area on the night of 28th November, 1997. There was also an abortive theft attempt in the Syndicate Bank in the area recently, as reported in the news- item. A complaint was lodged with the local police. There are isolated instances of crime.

To enhance the security of the Air Force Station Hindon, some additional measures have been taken. It includes introduction of foot patrolling by DSC guards in the domestic area, regular physical check in the key installations and increase in the frequency of patrolling etc.