

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY TO BUS SERVICE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the arrangements made by the Army for the security of passengers and regularise the bus service in view of the threat by terrorists to disrupt the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service;
- (b) whether the Government is satisfied with the arrangements made for regularisation of the bus service and security of passengers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): The overall responsibility of providing security to the bus service and the passengers is of the J&K State Government. The Army assists the State Government by virtue of its deployment for counter insurgency operations. The Army is providing security to the bus along the National Highway 1 A and near the Line of Control. The arrangements are being coordinated by the Army under the aegis of the Unified Headquarters.