

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3425
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ITEMS STOLEN FROM IDS, KASHMIR HOUSE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some items have been stolen from the Integrated Defence Services (IDS) at Kashmir House as reported in The Times of India dated July 30, 2006;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the concrete steps taken by the Government to prevent such thefts which are posing threat to the security of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. On the morning of July 24, 2006, thirteen Computer printer ink cartridges were found missing from the storekeeper's table drawer in room No.49, South Hutments of the Headquarters of the Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) at Kashmir House. A First Information Report was lodged at the Chanakyapuri Police Station by the Headquarters of the Integrated Defence Staff on July 25, 2006. The Police investigation is in progress. The Headquarters of the Integrated Defence Staff has also ordered a Court of Inquiry. Pursuant to the recommendations of the Court of Inquiry, a Board of Officers headed by a Major General has been detailed to review all security aspects related to the Headquarters of the Integrated Defence Staff. No aspect of the national security has been compromised in this case.