

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4654
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SECURITY OF RELIGIOUS PLACES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes any comprehensive plan to install of metal detector and baggage scanners in various pilgrim centers across the country in the wake of security threats;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any information regarding security threat against some religious places in the country, particularly the Guruvayur Sree-Krishnaswamy Temple in Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to streamline the security measures at various religious places so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

- (a): There is no such proposal.
- (b): Does not arise in view of `a` above.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): In the wake of a stampede at Kalubi Temple in Mandra Devi in Satara district of Maharashtra (25th January, 2005), the Government has advised all States/UTs on 21.2.2005 to take measures such as proper and adequate civic and other logistic arrangements, maintenance of law and order and security arrangements during religious festivals/fairs.