

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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AUTO LIFTING CASES

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether cases of auto lifting are on the rise in the NCT of Delhi;
- (b) if so, the total number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the modus operandi; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Delhi Police to curb such cases in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. There has been an increase in the number of auto-lifting cases. Details for the last three years 2007, 2008 & 2009 and 2010 (upto 31.01.2010) are as under:-

Year	Cases reported
2007	8874
2008	11020
2009	13224
2010 (upto 31.01.2010)	952

But taking into account the phenomenal increase in the vehicle population in NCT of Delhi, when computed in terms of per lakh of vehicle population, such auto-lifting cases have, in fact, shown a declining trend, having come down from 195.84 in the year 2008 to 190.9 in the year 2009.

Gangs of Auto-lifters are known to use different modus operandi to commit auto thefts. However, using duplicate/master-keys and breaking open the locks/glasses of the Motor Vehicles are the most common modus operandi. Delhi Police has stepped-up the preventive efforts to check auto thefts and there is a focused drive to nab the gangs of auto-lifters. Action initiated by the Delhi Police are as follows:-

1. Identification of affected places and time zone and proper deployment of staff in these areas.
2. STAs requested not to register second hand vehicles without receiving NOC from the concerned authority.
3. Manufacturers requested to install security devices at the factory/show room.
4. Record of stolen vehicles has been computerized.
5. Parking attendants sensitized.
6. Co-ordination with Insurance Agencies.
7. Co-ordination meetings are periodically held with the police of the neighbouring states.
8. There is a sustained drive to identify and nab gangs of auto-lifters operating in Delhi.
9. Distribution of educative literature on preventive measures.
10. Educative advertisements in newspapers, FM Channel etc.
11. Barriers/"naka" in affected and vulnerable areas.