

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 554
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[State Governments asked to be vigilant during festive seasons](#)

554 Smt. Vijila Sathyananth

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had asked the State Governments to be extra vigilant during the festive seasons against attempts by terrorists and subversive elements to disrupt peace and ignite communal tension;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Governments were also asked to be alert during the festivals against provocative sloganeering, especially near religious places by subversive elements; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that there was no specific input about any plan by terrorists to disrupt peace anywhere in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (c): 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The responsibility to maintain law and order, protection of life and property rests primarily with the respective State Governments. The State Governments are competent to deal with such offences under the extant provisions of laws. Further, advisories are issued by the Central Government from time to time, including during festival seasons, to the State Governments/UT Administrations to take all precautionary security measures to prevent occurrence of any untoward incident by terrorists and subversive elements and to maintain peace and public order. Threat inputs, if any, received by the Union Government through the Central Security Agencies, are also promptly shared with the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations for further necessary action.
