



TYPES OF SECURITY IN INDIA : NATIONAL ISSUE

NEWS : Why govt has strengthened security for RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, brought his cover on par with Amit Shah's

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS ?

Z+ is the highest level of security, but in case of some protectees, an additional ASL layer of cover is mandated based on the threat perception.

Advance Security Liaison (ASL) Protocol:

- **Purpose:** ASL is an additional security layer for high-risk individuals.
- **Components:**
 - Specialized teams assess locations before the protectee's arrival.
 - Coordination with local police, district administration, and health departments.
 - Protectees must use specially designed vehicles or aircraft.
 - Mandatory anti-sabotage inspections and multi-layered security rings during travel.
- **Current Usage:** Few individuals, including Home Minister Amit Shah, have Z+ security with ASL enhancement.

Security Categories:

Special Protection Group (SPG):

- **Focus:** Provides the highest security, specifically for the Prime Minister.
- **Established:** After the assassination of Indira Gandhi; governed by the SPG Act of 1988.
- **Protection Details:** Includes armed guards, bulletproof vehicles, jammers, and advanced communication systems.
- **Amendment (2019):** SPG protection limited to the serving Prime Minister and immediate family residing at the official residence.

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SIX LEVELS OF SECURITY OFFERED IN INDIA

X

SECURITY



Only 2 armed personnels, no commandos

SPG

SECURITY



Only provided to Prime Minister. Strength unknown.

Y

SECURITY



11 personnels, including 1-2 Commandos
One personnel for mobile security, rest static

Y⁺

SECURITY



11+ personnels, including 1-2 Commandos
Two personnels for mobile security, others static

Z

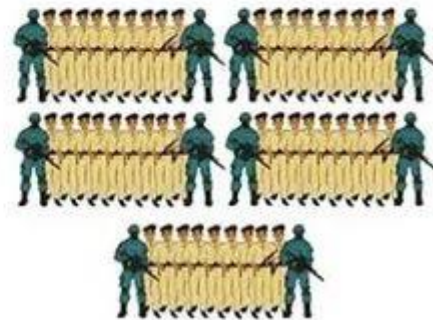
SECURITY



22 personnels, including 4-5 Commandos
Six personnels for mobile security, rest static

Z⁺

SECURITY



55 personnels, including 10+ Commandos
Ten personnels for mobile security, rest static.

Z+ Security:

- **Details:** Second-highest level after SPG; includes 55 personnel, bulletproof vehicles, and specialized communication equipment.
- **Prominent Protectees:** Includes figures like Amit Shah, Yogi Adityanath, and Mukesh Ambani.

Z Security:

- **Details:** Includes 22 personnel, bulletproof vehicle, and escort vehicles.
- **Usage:** Typically provided to high-profile politicians and celebrities.

Y+ Security:



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- **Details:** Includes 11 personnel and 2-4 commandos.
- **Usage:** Granted to individuals with moderate threat levels.

Y Security:

- **Details:** Includes 8 personnel and 1-2 commandos.
- **Usage:** Given to those with low to moderate threat levels.

X Security:

- **Details:** Includes 2 armed police officers, no commandos.
- **Usage:** For persons with minor threats.

Decision-Making and Protocols:

- **Security Decision Committee:** Comprises officials from the Intelligence Bureau, Home Ministry, and state governments.
- **"Blue Book":** Outlines security protocols for the President, Vice-President, and Prime Minister.
- **"Yellow Book":** Provides guidelines for the security of other VIPs and VVIPs.

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