



Special Protection Group

Why in News

Recently, the central government has withdrawn the **Special Protection Group (SPG) cover** of the President of Congress.

- The SPG was raised in **1985** with the intention to provide **proximate security cover** to the **Prime Minister, former Prime Ministers and their immediate family members.**
- It was created after the assassination of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Parliament passed the **SPG Act (1988)** dedicating the group to **protecting the Prime Ministers of India.**
- After Rajiv Gandhi's assassination (1991), the **SPG Act was amended**, offering SPG protection to **all former Prime Ministers and their families** for a period of at least **10 years.**

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