



# Security Breach in Parliament

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## Why in News?

Recently, a security breach unfolded in the [Lok Sabha](#) after leaders paid tribute to the security personnel martyred during the **2001 Parliament attack**.

- The Delhi Police have invoked sections of the [Unlawful Activities \(Prevention\) Act](#), an anti-terror law, against accused persons, as well as sections of the [Indian Penal Code \(IPC\)](#) related to criminal conspiracy, trespass, provoking a riot, and obstructing a public servant in the discharge of functions.
- The accused were carrying **visitors' passes** issued to them during the attack.

## What are the Rules for Parliament Visitors?

- **Rule 386** of the **Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha** governs the "admission, withdrawal, and removal" of visitors (referred to as "strangers" in parliamentary terms) during the sittings of the House.
- **Rule 387** grants the [Speaker](#) the power to withdraw "strangers" from any part of the House if deemed fit.
- **Rule 387A**, authorized by the Speaker, empowers a **Secretariat officer to remove** or take into custody any **stranger within House precincts** reserved for members.
  - This includes strangers admitted who misbehave, violate Speaker's regulations (under Rule 386), or fail to withdraw when directed under Rule 387 during House sittings.
- Members can apply for **visitors' cards** only for individuals well-known to them personally.
  - Certification is required, stating, "The above-named visitor is my relative/personal friend/known to me personally, and I take full responsibility for him/her."
  - Cards for admission to visitors' galleries are ordinarily issued for a single sitting, generally for one hour. These cards are not transferable and are issued subject to the holder observing the conditions endorsed thereon.
- For security reasons, visitors are mandated to carry photo identification along with the certification.
- Similar rules are in force for visitor entry into the [Rajya Sabha](#).
- Members are advised to exercise utmost care, especially when facilitating the entry of individuals introduced by someone personally known to them.
  - Members bear responsibility for any untoward incident or undesirable activity in the galleries resulting from cardholders.

## 2001 Attack on the Indian Parliament

- The 2001 attack on the Indian Parliament was a terrorist attack that took place on 13th December 2001, when a group of armed militants attacked the Parliament of India in New Delhi.
  - The attackers belonged to the Pakistan-based militant organizations [Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed](#).
- The attack resulted in the **death of security personnel and government officials**.
- The attack exposed the **vulnerability of India's parliamentary democracy** to external threats

and prompted a major overhaul of its security arrangements.

## UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

### Prelims

**Q. The Parliament of India exercises control over the functions of the Council of Ministers through (2017)**

1. Adjournment motion
2. Question hour
3. Supplementary questions

**Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

**Ans: (d)**

- Adjournment motion is introduced in the Parliament to draw attention of the House to a definite matter of urgent public importance. It interrupts the normal business of the House, thereby making it a device of censure against the government. **Hence, 1 is correct.**
- **Question Hour is a tool of “Parliamentary Oversight”** over the administration or executive. During Question Hour, the government is answerable for all its acts of omission and commission to the Parliament.
  - There are four types of questions: **Starred Questions, Unstarred Questions, Short Notice Question and Question to Private Member. Hence, 2 is correct.**
- Under the Starred Question, an oral answer is required from the minister and the members are allowed to ask the supplementary questions. **Hence, 3 is correct.**
- **Therefore, option (d) is the correct answer.**