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SHOOTING INCIDENT AT RAJGHAT: SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS TIGHTENED

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The C.B.I. is continuing its investigation into the identity and background of the person who fired shots at the Prime Minister at Mahatma Gandhi's Samadhi this morning. The person involved was arrested and a country-made weapon was seized from him. He first gave his name as Manmohan Desai but has changed his name several times.

A case under Section 307 IPC read with Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act and Sections 3 & 4 of the Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act has been registered.

While, as stated earlier, no dignitary was injured in the incident, six persons received minor and superficial pellet injuries. Three of them belong to police organisations. Of the three, one received a nip in the ear-lobe, the other a nip on the neck and the third a cut on the side of his temple. In addition, Shri K.H. Ramanathan, P.S. to Vice President, got a graze in the wrist. Shri B.S. Mowai, MLA, from Rajasthan, had a scratch in the neck. Shri Ram Chandra Lal, a retired judicial officer, got a minor injury on the back.

Subsequent to the incident, Shri Buta Singh, the Union Home Minister, held a review meeting with the Lt. Governor of Delhi and officials of the Home Ministry and the security arrangements were thoroughly reviewed and decisions taken to tighten them. The meeting discussed the security lapses that enabled the miscreant to enter the Rajghat complex.

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The Government have taken a decision to place under suspension some officials of the Delhi Police directly responsible for the security arrangements.

The situation in Delhi and elsewhere is normal. Instructions have been issued to all the States to maintain alert and vigil, allay any apprehensions and dispel rumours.

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