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A section of media has carried a report on May 07, 2012 about a security lapse during transportation of uranium from Hyderabad to Tarapur Atomic Power Station. Our findings do not indicate any security lapse as reported by the media. Such consignments are always, as a part of standard operating procedure, accompanied by two technical persons including a Health Physicist equipped with radiation measurement instruments and escorted by armed CISF personnel in a convoy. At Manor, about 25 km from Tarapur, the convoy stopped for a while. The driver and the cleaner were checking the tyres etc. Some of the CISF personnel left for refreshments leaving behind the remaining armed guards covering the vehicles. Hence it is not proper to say that the vehicles were left unguarded.

As regards, the incidences reported in the last 3 years, in a few instances local police authorities have, on suspicion caught some people supposedly with uranium. In all such instances, on verification, the material has been found to be either a small quantity of depleted uranium of foreign origin, or even simply resin or soil. Through this press note, we would like to assure that the movement of nuclear materials is always done in a safe and secure manner as per the standard operating procedures.

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