

Press Release

Certain sections of the media have reported to the effect that the BARC security was breached 25 times in two years. In this context, the facts are the following:

Not a single intrusion took place within the security perimeter of BARC during last two years. In all, seven unauthorised loiterers were apprehended outside the security perimeter due to the integrated security infrastructure in place, along with the highly alert security personnel of CISF and the DAE security forces who man the security system of BARC. All the seven apprehended persons were handed over to the Trombay Police Station.

There is a sprawling departmental residential colony called Anushaktinagar, with approximately 48,000 residents, located outside the BARC campus. Anushaktinagar has a different security classification, and different security management structures outside the purview of BARC. In this colony, quite a few vagabonds have been apprehended from time to time through the alertness of the security system and the same people have been reported to the police for further action. This too, in no way can be called as the breach to BARC security.

Through the alertness of the gate security staff, a visitor was caught with a miniature camera and after initial scrutiny of the contents, the matter was reported to the local police station.

Regular checks and reverification of Police Verification Certificates and other identity cards have resulted in detecting attempts in using fake entry documents by a few casual construction contract workers. These cases are investigated by the local police and also central intelligence agencies.

Incidentally, these cases took place in BARC installations elsewhere in the Navi Mumbai area, not in the high security campus in Trombay.

The detection of a local fishing boat, which had broken from its moorings during low tide, within a few minutes of its floating in front of BARC coast and subsequent follow-up actions established the quick response and excellent co-ordination with the local police authorities, marine police and CISF.

In the prevailing security environment, no perceived threat can be ignored, particularly for a sensitive installation like Bhabha Atomic Research Centre. Security agencies responsible for the security of the Centre are fully aware of the fact and it is only on account of this extraordinary alertness that the aforementioned incidents, which can be by no means be called 'breach', were duly detected and suitable action taken. It is also to be noted that in matters concerning security in this prestigious installation, the officials concerned cannot be expected to provide any details or comments on account of obvious reasons.