

HIRING OF LOCAL SECURITY GUARDS FOR EMBASSY OF INDIA IN BRASILIA

1. The new Indian embassy complex in Brasilia was constructed in the year 2013. While the threat perception in terms of a terror strike in Brasilia remains remote, criminal activities and law and order issues relating to robberies, unauthorized intrusion, burglaries have seen a steady rise & the threat from criminal elements aiming to cause deliberate harm through espionage and intrusion cannot be ruled out.
2. The security infrastructure at the Embassy complex is rudimentary and is not considered adequate to provide minimum acceptable security assurance. There is no security wall but only a mesh fence at three sides of the complex without any barbed wire /concertina coils. Two IBAs posted at the mission are placed at the chancery complex entrance (in rotation) and monitor the feed from the CCTV system. As can be appreciated, this arrangement is grossly inadequate in not only monitoring the perimeter of the complex but also to effect appropriate and immediate response in case of an intrusion. There have been cases of attempted intrusion into the complex as well as attempts of carjacking very close to the complex.
3. The embassy complex being devoid of any visible robust security features does tend to become a preferred choice of target for anti-social elements/criminals when compared to other complexes in the vicinity, all of which have reasonable level of physical security features.
4. In the absence of robust physical security features, availability of additional security guards becomes essential to ensure security. Therefore, availability of atleast two local security guards (LSGs) to guard the perimeter area of the complex (one each at the front and back) is considered necessary to provide a reasonable level of deterrence as well as early warning and immediate response & communication to the local police to thwart any attempted intrusion into the complex. These guards will also be effective in monitoring /screening of persons coming to the embassy during normal working & off working hours. Presently the first contact with an outsider happens once the person is inside the chancery complex.
5. In view of the existing threat perception and local conditions vis-à-vis available security features at the Embassy Complex, hiring of LSGs is considered inescapable.