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NEW DELHI (AP) — Marxist members of Parliament charged today that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency was responsible for mailing scores of letter bombs from India to Jews in other countries.

They said the CIA link made sense as an American

“attempt to discredit India.” Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and other members of the ruling Congress party have accused the CIA in recent months of stepping up its activity in India.

However, other legislators told Communications Minister H.N. Bahuguna they thought

the bombs were the work of Palestinian terrorists. Socialist N.G. Goray demanded that the government warn Palestinian students in India “not to misuse the pro-Arab attitude of India.”

Bahuguna said the explosive devices were foreign in origin but he refused to implicate

nationals of any country. He said the government was screening the mail of some Arab diplomatic missions in the country at their request.

“It is therefore not proper to blame any one party in the matter,” he said.

Indian authorities have intercepted 50 letter bombs

which Bahuguna said were “highly sophisticated devices” made with know-how and materials unavailable in India.

Many others have reached England, Switzerland and Israel. One exploded in London and injured a Jewish businessman Friday.