

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2988

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH AUGUST, 2014/SRAVANA 15, 1936 (SAKA)

STRENGTHENING INTERNAL SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE SHARING
MECHANISM

2988. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is strengthening the internal security and intelligence sharing mechanism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the coordination mechanism that exists between the State agencies and the Central agency;
- (d) whether Government has received any fresh threat-inputs through the searoute from the intelligence agencies;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto; and
- (f) the steps taken by Government to strengthen the security *vis-a-vis* sea routes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) to (c): Government is committed to strengthening the internal security of the country. A robust mechanism for intelligence sharing among the various States and Central agencies is in place in the country. Intelligence inputs are shared regularly by various Intelligence Agencies on real time basis on Multi-Agency Centre-Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centre (MAC-SMAC) Network with the Law Enforcing Agencies including the State Police Forces. So far, 374 sites have been made functional all over the country having connectivity with the MAC headquarters.

National Memory Bank (NMB), which is a Central Data Bank for Counter Terrorism related information, has been connected with 374 nodes, including State Intelligence, State Police and all MAC Member Agencies, with effect from 7th June, 2012.

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At MAC Headquarters, activities of MAC include daily Nodal Officer's meetings at MAC Headquarters, monthly on Cross Border Terrorism (CBT) in J&K and NE, fortnightly meeting on Left Wing Extremism (LWE), Focus Groups Meetings, etc. From January, 2014 to June, 2014, J&K (CBT) meetings-06, North-East Insurgency related meetings-06, LWE related assessment meetings-11 and 07 Focus Group meeting on important inputs, have been held during the year 2014 till date. During such meetings, intelligence inputs are shared and discussed with concerned agencies/State Police. At the State level SMAC meetings attended by State Police and other agencies and, are held at least every fortnight. Available inputs are discussed and followed up.

Also, at present, inter-State Intelligence Support Teams (ISISTs) have been formed in 25 States and 4 Union Territories.

(d) to (f) : A few inputs from various channels have been received by the Central Intelligence Agency in last one year, which suggests plans of various terrorist groups to infiltrate in the country through coastal areas to launch attacks.

All such inputs have been shared with concerned Forces/Agencies and MAC meetings/focus groups meetings on such inputs have been held to deliberate the inputs develop them further, undertake pursuant action by concerned agencies to augment security and neutralize the threat.

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