GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.77

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16thNOVEMBER, 2016/KARTIKA 25, 1938 (SAKA)

NATIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM CENTRE

77. SHRI PRATAP SINGH BAJWA:

Willthe Minister of HOME AFFAIRS bepleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning tobring back the National Counter TerrorismCentre (NCTC);
- (b) whether the NCTC has powers to seek information from all State and Central Agencies; and
- (c) whether the NCTC has mandate tocarry out anti-terror operations, if any,through, or in conjuction with the StatePolice?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Home Affairs issued an Office Memorandum(OM) dated 3rd February, 2012 constituting National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) and prescribing its organization, functions, powers and duties. The OM dated 3rd February, 2012 empowered NCTC to seek information from any agency which is

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obligated to furnish such information. The NCTC was mandated to draw up plans and coordinate action for counter terrorism with other stake holders including Anti Terrorist Organizations in states. Operationalisation of NCTC had been kept in abeyance as some states raised concerns regarding its structure, functions and mandate. A final decision on operationalisation of NCTC is yet to be taken.
