

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:423
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2000
NETWORK FOR POLICE COMMUNICATION
VINOD KHANNA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that poor communication network has adversely affected the performance of police forces leading to deterioration in the law and order situation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the special measures being taken to improve communication network of the police?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARAS (a)TO(c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.423 FOR ANSWER IN THE SABHA ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2000 RELATING TO NETWORK FOR POLICE COMMUNICATION

(a)&(b): There is no indication that the present state of communication network in any State has adversely affected the law & order situation in that State. The Central Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments to improve their policing infrastructure under the Scheme for modernisation of State Police Forces which is in operation since 1969-70.

(c): As a part of on-going modernisation effort and with a view to extending the reach and depth of the police communication system in the country, the Central Government has considered a satellite-based project, called POLNET. This project is likely to be completed by December, 2001. It will link the National Capital with the State Capitals and will further extend the connectivity down to the District Headquarters/Police Station level. With this, every Police Station will be able to communicate with any other Police Station in the country as well as with the District Headquarters or State Capitals.