

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:201
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2001
NATIONAL INTEGRATION COUNCIL
M.H. AMBAREESH;PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of National Integration Council meetings held during the last two years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the National Integration Council has not met since long;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether keeping in view the highly charged atmosphere in the country due to Afghan war, the Government propose to revive NIC; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.201 for 4th December, 2001

(a) to (c): The National Integration Conference convened by the then Prime Minister, which met from 28.09.1961 to 01.10.1961, decided to set up a National Integration Council (NIC) to review all matters pertaining to national integration and to make recommendations thereon. The NIC has met on 12 occasions since its inception, in June 1962; June 1968; November 1980; January 1984; April 1986; September 1986; April 1990; September 1990; November 1991; December 1991; July 1992; and November 1992.

The NIC has met in the past in anticipation of or in response to a situation or event, as the case may be. It will continue to meet in future, as and when the need arises.

(d)&(e): The NIC is a continuing body; therefore, the question of reviving the Council does not arise. However, the Council is reconstituted from time to time and the last such reconstitution took place in 1991.