

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3027
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2005
CONFERENCE OF CHIEF MINISTERS OF NORTH ZONE
Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether North Zone Chief Ministers Conference was held in Shimla in the Month of October, 2005;
- (b) if so, the issue discussed in the meeting;
- (c) whether this meeting was held after a gap of 6 years under the Chairmanship of Home Minister;
- (d) if so, whether the meeting was attended by CMs of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi also; and
- (e) if so, the outcome of the meeting held?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

- (a): The 25th meeting of Northern Zonal Council comprising the States of Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and the Union Territories of Delhi and Chandigarh was held in Shimla on 25th October, 2005.
- (b): The main issues discussed in the meeting are as under:
 - (i) Panchayati Raj Institutions;
 - (ii) Trafficking in women and Children;
 - (iii) Sharing of information on crime and criminals;
 - (iv) Police Telecommunication System (POLNET);
 - (v) Prison Reforms;
 - (vi) Disaster Management;
 - (vii) Right to information Act;
 - (viii) National Employment Guarantee Scheme;
 - (ix) Utilisation of funds by State Governments;
 - (x) Sharing of armed police among the States in the zone for public order duties;
 - (xi) Good governance;
 - (xii) Infrastructure;
 - (xiii) River water sharing and
 - (xiv) Agriculture/ horticulture.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): Yes, Sir. The meeting was, among others, attended by the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi.
- (e): The Council made recommendations and suggestions on various issues discussed in the meeting.