

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSAL FOR MODERNISATION OF POLICE

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any new Project/proposal for Modernisation of police forces in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated, the amount released and the amount utilized for implementation of these projects, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Union Government has reviewed the utilisation of Central funding by the various States;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether all the police stations across the country will be linked up, to exchange information;
- (g) if so, the progress made and target achieved so far in this regard; and
- (h) the time by which all the Police Stations in the country will be linked up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): The Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces has been revised in 2005-06 by the Government. Under the revised Scheme, the States have been re-categorized into category 'A' and 'B' with 100% and 75% Central funding respectively. The States of J&K and seven North-Eastern States have been included in category 'A' with 100% Central funding and the remaining States have been included in category 'B' with 75% Central funding for MPF Scheme. Consequently, the annual Central allocation under the Scheme has been raised to Rs. 1645 crore.

(c) to (e): A statement showing the State-wise details of Central funds released and utilized during the period 2000-01 to 2004-05 is at annexure.

The utilization of Central funds by the States is being reviewed and monitored regularly by the Government. States showing inadequate utilization of funds are being suitably advised, from time to time.

(f) to (h): A satellite-based scheme called 'POLNET' has been conceptualized for linking the police stations, the district headquarters and the State headquarters. Under the scheme, very small aperture terminals, i.e. V-SATs have been installed in the National Capital, all the State Capitals and 576 district headquarters for voice, fax and data connectivity. Multi Access Radio Telephone (MART) links are also being provided from district headquarters to police stations wherever line of sight feasibility is available.