

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY IN GUJARAT

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to strengthen security in the border State of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, whether the Gujarat Government has requested the Union Government to grant special funds in this regard;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has granted the funds; and
- (d) the total funds allocated and released during the current year, till date?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): "Police" and "law and order" is a State Subject as per the VII Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to modernize and adequately equip its police forces for meeting the challenges to law & order, internal security and to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in modernizing their police forces, the Central Government is implementing a Non-plan Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces. Funds are released to the State Governments on the basis of Annual Action Plans received from the State and approved by the Ministry. Assistance under the Scheme is also extended to Gujarat for meeting the specific policing requirements in the Desert Areas as well as of Mega city of Ahmedabad.

During the current financial year 2008-09, no funds have been released to Gujarat so far. However, during the last financial year, 2007-08, out of Central allocation of Rs.40.00 crore to Gujarat under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme), an amount of Rs.39.66 crore was released to the State, after deducting the unspent an amount of Rs.0.34 crore pertaining to previous years i.e. up to 2005-06, which remained unutilized with the State Government. In addition to Rs.39.66 crore, an additional amount of Rs.12.25 crore was also released to Gujarat during the year 2007-08 for modernization of police forces.