

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:114

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MEETING OF CMS ON INTERNAL SECURITY

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a meeting of Chief Ministers was held in January, 2009 to discuss internal security scenario including naxalism;
- (b) if so, the details of issues discussed and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the issues of providing guerrilla training to security forces and involvement of neighbouring countries inciting terrorism in India was also discussed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A meeting of the Chief Ministers of the States on 'Internal Security' was held on 6.1.2009 in which various measures to raise the level of preparedness to counter the increasingly sophisticated terrorist threats as well as to enhance the speed and decisiveness of the response to a terrorist threat or a terrorist attack were discussed. Various areas requiring attention in this context, which emerged in the deliberations, inter-alia, include: strengthening of intelligence machinery in the States and arrangements for sharing of intelligence between various agencies and action thereon, raising of Commando/Special forces for responding to terrorist attacks; security arrangements for strategic and vulnerable establishments and installations; filling up of vacancies in/and augmentation of State Police forces; setting up of special forces for the latter at the State level; community policing, building public awareness and developing police-citizen interface; development of action plans for building crime and criminal tracking network; vigorous implementation of identity norms for mobile phone subscribers, strengthening the arrangements for coastal security, including registration of fishing vessels and issue of identity cards to fishermen. Meeting of the Chief Ministers of seven naxal affected States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and West Bengal was held on 7.1.2009. There was a consensus in the meeting that there should be a uniform approach and holistic policy to deal with naxalism, in which attention should be paid to the needs and grievances of the people, on the one hand; and well-planned and determined action should be taken against the naxals by the police and security forces, on the other. With reference to the latter the need to raise specialized forces trained in Guerilla/Jungle warfare, and for coordinated and joint operations by the forces of neighbouring States in bordering areas was emphasized.

Action in the various areas mentioned above is being pursued in close coordination with the State Governments.