

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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STRENGTHENING INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any decision to make the intelligence system more efficient to combat terrorist and extremist attacks;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has received any recommendations in this regard from the State Governments and various organisations;
- (c) if so, the details of the recommendations received alongwith the reaction of the Union Government thereon;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to create the post of National Intelligence Coordinator to strengthen intelligence system;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Union Government has taken any steps to evolve suitable mechanism for exchange of confidential information with the State Governments; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) to (c): As part of an ongoing exercise several steps have been taken to strengthen and upgrade the capabilities of intelligence agencies both at the Central level and the State level, as well as to enhance information sharing and operational coordination between the Central agencies and the State governments. The Multi-Agency Centre in the Intelligence Bureau has been strengthened and re-organized to enable it to function on 24X7 basis, for real time collation and sharing of intelligence with all other intelligence and security agencies of the Central and State Governments/Union Territories. Action has also been taken for establishing online, dedicated and secure connectivity between all the designated Members of MAC, between MAC and the Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centres (SMACs) in 30 important identified locations and between the SMACs and the State Special Branches. Further, strengthening of intelligence apparatus in the country is an on going process.

(d) & (e): No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(f) & (g): Yes, Madam. There is well established mechanism for exchange of confidential information with the State Governments.