

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Police departments in various States including Tamil Nadu have set up Subsidiary Multi Agency Centres (SMACs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the objectives of such centres;
- (c) whether this system is connected to all other intelligence units at the Union and State levels and provides high speed connectivity for online transfer of voice and data;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the status of developing and implementation of the National Intelligence Grid to evolve online and seamless flow of intelligence and security related information between the Union and the States?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): At present, 29 SMACs in various States have been operationalized including SMAC Chennai. The SMACs conduct regular meetings to pool, assess and review threat related information.
- (c) & (d): High speed connectivity between SMAC Chennai and State Special Branch has been established. Hardware/software for online transfer of data, voice communications and video conferencing between all these agencies have been procured.
- (e): Action is also underway for similar network in all other States for smooth on-line sharing of data / intelligence relating to counter terrorism between Multi-Agency Centre Hqrs, SMACs and other security agencies in all the States.