

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has embarked on new initiative in the form of Institutionalizing Annual Conference of Chief Secretaries of States and UTs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives of such new initiative;
- (c) the expected outcome of this new initiative in the Governance system of the country; and
- (d) the details of issues likely to be in focus through this new initiative?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (Independent Charge) IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER OF THE STATE (Independent Charge) IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCE; MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE PRIME'S MINISTER OFFICE; MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- (a): The Government of India decided to organize an Annual Conference of Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories.
- (b): The Conference will institutionalize the process of interaction, and serve as a standing forum for exchange of views between the Centre and the States. It would also provide an occasion for discussion on global developments that have a bearing on the country as a whole and the broad contours of national policies in select areas of relevance. The first such Conference was held on 1st – 2nd February, 2010 at Vigyan Bhawan, New delhi.
- (c): This Conference would help in ensuring an integrated and holistic approach towards development of the nation and so help improve governance.
- (d): The focus of this Conference will be interaction on global developments that have a bearing on India and also on internal matters which concern the State Governments.