

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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TASK FORCE ON INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a task force to revamp intelligence gathering/ assessment and coordination between various intelligence and police forces in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the terms of reference;
- (c) whether the task force has submitted its report to the Union Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including the recommendations made and the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (e) the extent to which it is likely to be beneficial; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to implement such recommendations to deal with terrorists/naxalites in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): The working of intelligence agencies is reviewed from time to time. Action is also taken on the suggestions for improvement and facilitating higher levels of efficiency in intelligence agencies. However, to divulge terms of references, specific recommendations made by various committees, task forces, etc., on Intelligence, and action taken thereon, may not be in public interest.

Further, major steps taken by the Government include, strengthening and re-organization of the Multi-Agency Centre (MAC) in the Intelligence Bureau 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; setting up of 24x7 Control Rooms in all the States for quick sharing of data/information pertaining to terrorism; setting up of a network connecting all the State Special Branches (SSBs) to MAC and its State level nodes (Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centres); steps taken for strengthening SSBs, etc. The manpower strength of agencies are also reviewed and augmented.