

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3373

ANSWERED ON:30.11.2010

CENTRAL ZONAL COUNCIL

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted a meeting of the Central Zonal Council recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the recommendations/decisions taken in the said meeting;
- (c) the number of such councils and the existing constitution presently;
- (d) the total number of meetings held by each council during each of the last three years;
- (e) whether the zonal council meetings are held infrequently; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The 19th meeting of the Central Zonal Council was held on 27.10.2010 at New Delhi. The Council made recommendations with regard to strengthening intelligence machinery, proper utilization of para-military forces, cooperative efforts to counter activities of terrorists and militants, realistic assessment of manpower in State Police forces, augmenting training facilities for police personnel, modernization of State police forces, and holding regular meetings of Zonal Councils.

(c): There are five Zonal Councils, namely, Northern, Southern, Western, Eastern and Central, which were created under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956. The present composition of these Councils is as under:

Zonal Council Member States/Union Territories

Northern Zonal Council Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Union Territory of Chandigarh

Southern Zonal Council Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry

Western Zonal Council Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and the Union Territories of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

Eastern Zonal Council Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Orissa

Central Zonal Council Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh

(d) : During the last three years the meetings of Southern Zonal Council and Central Zonal Council were held on 12th February, 2007 and 27th October, 2010 respectively. No meeting of the other Zonal Councils have been held in the last three years.

(e) & (f): Meetings of Zonal Councils have not been held frequently due to preoccupation of the Chairman and Members with other important issues of public importance.