

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:12
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MERGER OF GEQD WITH CFSL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representations expressing reservations regarding the merger of Government Examiner of Questioned Document (GEQD) with Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL); and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): With a view to revamping and modernizing the Organisational structure/ set up of various forensic laboratories, personnel policies, training requirements etc., Ministry of Home Affairs engaged two distinguished Scientists to prepare a detailed report on it. In the report submitted, one of the recommendations was incorporation of Government Examiners of Questioned Documents (GEsQD) with Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLs). Representations from individuals and organisations were heard and discussed. However, after careful consideration, the recommendation of the Consultants was accepted by the Government and GEsQD offices located at Hyderabad, Kolkata and Shimla have been put up under the administrative control of the respective Directors of Central Forensic Science Laboratories viz. Hyderabad, Kolkata and Chandigarh by an order dated 13th August, 2010 and simultaneously maintaining their functional autonomy in the field of scientific examination of questioned documents.