

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:138
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2011
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE GRID
Sule Supriya

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) so as to access real time intelligence data;
- (b) if so, its functions and present status thereof;
- (c) the time by which the NATGRID is likely to become fully operational;
- (d) whether the NATGRID would be able to combat terrorism and internal security challenges; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.138 FOR 09.08.2011

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. NATGRID is being designed to function as a tool for strengthening the capability of existing intelligence agencies and law enforcement agencies (User Agencies of NATGRID) by improving access to and sharing of information.

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved the setting up of NATGRID, as an attached office of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on 8.4.2010. Further, CCS has approved 'in-principle' the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of NATGRID on 06.06.2011. Planning Commission has also accorded its 'In principle' approval to the project on 8th July 2011, as a 'Central Plan Scheme' under MHA from 2011-12

(c): As per the DPR and the CCS approval thereon, foundation and the first Horizon of NATGRID should be set up in 24 months.

(d) to (e): Yes, Madam. NATGRID is conceived to link databases which would be an input in combating terrorism. It would thus create a facility that improves India's capability to counter threats to internal security.