

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CENTRALISED INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had announced to develop a centralized intelligence sharing among the various intelligence agencies in 2008 post 26/11 attack on Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has been successful in its efforts to build such mechanism;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken to establish that mechanism expeditiously?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): An executive order has been issued on 31.12.2008 under which Multi-Agency centre (MAC), has been obliged to share intelligence with all other agencies, including agencies of the State Governments, Union Territories. Likewise, all other agencies have been obliged to share intelligence with MAC. Representatives of the Member Agencies of the MAC meet regularly to undertake threat assessment. The strength of Intelligence Bureau has also been augmented.

The Multi-Agency Centre in the Intelligence Bureau has been strengthened and re-organized to enable it to function on 24X7 basis.

Action has also been completed for establishment of online, dedicated and secure connectivity between all the designated Members of Multi-Agency Centre (MAC), MAC and the Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centres (SMACs) in 30 important identified locations.

Up-gradation and strengthening of capabilities of intelligence agencies, is a continuous process.