

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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STRENGTHENING NIA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to strengthen and expand the National Investigation Agency (NIA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and total number of States wherein anti-terrorism units have been constituted;
- (c) whether the Government has handed over some cases relating to international terrorism for investigation to NIA;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has also directed NIA to investigate cases relating to naxal affected States;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Strengthening and expansion of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) is an on-going process which depends upon the needs of the Agency. Strengthening and expansion of NIA is being done in a planned and phased manner. Total 388 posts at different levels have been created in NIA. Out of these 388 posts, 278 posts are for NIA Headquarters at Delhi and 110 posts for branch office of NIA at Hyderabad. Out of 278 posts which were created for Headquarter, 17 posts have been transferred to operationalise the branch office at Guwahati. Out of the sanctioned 388 posts in NIA, 331 (221 at HQ, 94 at Hyderabad and 16 at Guwahati) posts have been filled up on deputation basis till date. At present, NIA is having its Headquarter at New Delhi and two its branch offices are one located – at Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) and the other at Guwahati (Assam).

(c) & (d): No, Madam. However, in some cases international dimensions of the crimes have surfaced during investigation such as in the cases of David Headley, NSCN(IM), DHD(J), activities of LeT activist Zia-Ul-Haq, UNLF and LeT activities in Kerala.

(e): No, Madam.

(f): Does not arise.