

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FUNCTIONING OF NATGRID
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) would link up multiple databases of information to combat terrorism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the privacy concerns surrounding NATGRID;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the financial outlay for setting up NATGRID and the projected annual expenditure for maintaining the same?

Answer

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

- (a) to (b): National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) is the first of the kind project/initiative which will link various databases between user (intelligence & investigative agencies) and provider agencies (such as telecom companies) to enhance our counter terrorism capabilities.
- (c) & (d): Yes, NATGRID's security frame work has been designed to protect secrecy and privacy of information within the NATGRID system. The extant legal regime regarding privacy ipso-facto applies to NATGRID.
- (e): The (proposed) BE for 2012-2013 is Rs.435 crores under Plan and the total financial outlay proposed for Foundation and Horizon I, including some elements of Horizon II is Rs.1002.97 crores.