

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the existing intelligence sharing mechanism in the light of frequent anti-national and terrorist activities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it is likely to be done?

Answer

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

(a) to (b):-As part of an ongoing exercise several steps have been taken to strengthen and upgrade the capabilities of intelligence agencies both at the Central level and the State level, as well as to enhance information sharing and operational coordination between the Central agencies and the State Government. The Multi-Agency Centre in the Intelligence Bureau has been strengthened and re-organized to enable it to function on 24X7 bases, for real time collation and sharing of intelligence with all other intelligence and security agencies of the Central and State Government/ Union Territories. Action has also been taken for establishing online, dedicated and secure connectivity between all the designated Members of MAC, between MAC and the Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centres (SMACs) in 30 important identified locations and between the SMACs and the State Special Branches. NATGRID has been set up as an attached office of MHA. NATGRID will link various data bases and enhance the National counter terrorism capability. Further the Government has notified the setting up of the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) vide their O. M. dated 03.02.2012.