

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SHIFT SYSTEM FOR POLICEMEN

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has commissioned a study to explore the possibility of introducing shift system for policemen on the lines of Western countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which such study is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): No, Madam.

Government has not commissioned any study to explore the possibility of introducing shift system for policemen on the lines of western countries. However, a Committee was constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs in December 2004 to review the status of implementation of recommendations on police reforms made by the various Committees/Commissions. The Committee short-listed 49 recommendations, out of which one was relating to 'working hours for constabulary: shift system with 8 hours a day, six days a week & overburdening should be avoided as also deployment for non-core duties'. The Review Committee submitted its report in 2005.

The said recommendations were sent to the State Governments/UTs for implementation.

'Police' being a State subject, as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, it is for the concerned State Governments/ UTs to implement the recommendations on various police reforms measures.