

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIALIZED INTELLIGENCE GATHERING CENTRES

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps for effective operationalisation of the institutional mechanisms for intelligence collection, analysis, sharing and coordination with the State Governments including the setting up of Multi-Agency Centre, subsidiary Multi-Agency Centre, Joint Task Force on intelligence, inter-State intelligence support teams;

(b) if so, whether the steps are adequate to upgrade and strengthen the capabilities of Intelligence Agencies;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to establish specialized intelligence gathering under the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the National Security Council (NSC); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) to (d): 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 Governments. The Multi-Agency Centre in the Intelligence Bureau has been strengthened and re-organized to enable it to function on 24X7 basis. 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 National Security Council Sectt. (NSCS) is also one of the member agencies of the MAC. The strength of Intelligence Bureau has also been augmented.

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