

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:302

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INTELLIGENCE SHARING MECHANISM

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any adequate mechanism exists at present to share intelligence inputs between the Union and the States and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has reviewed the intelligence sharing mechanism in the country to plug the loopholes, if any, in the wake of the recent bomb blasts in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to strengthen the intelligence sharing mechanism in the country to thwart terrorist attacks?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 302 FOR 19TH MARCH, 2013.

(a): There exists a very close, effective and robust intelligence sharing mechanism and coordination amongst intelligence agencies at the Centre and the State level. Intelligence inputs about possible designs and threats are shared with the State Governments concerned on a regular and near real time basis. The Multi Agency Centre (MAC) as an effective intelligence sharing mechanism has been strengthened and re-organised to enable it to function on 24X7 basis for real time collection and sharing of intelligence with other intelligence agencies and Security intelligence inputs are shared with the concerned State through the established mechanism, which ensures close coordination and seamless flow of information between the State and the Central Security and Law Enforcement Agencies, this has often resulted in busting of various terrorist modules.

(b) to (d): The review of the intelligence sharing mechanism in the country is an ongoing process and is done periodically at various fora. The Government continuously reviews the emergency threat to internal security, assess gaps in the intelligence sharing mechanism and takes suitable measures to strengthen the same to plug the loopholes, if any.

The Multi Agency Centre -Subsidiary Multi Agency Centre mechanism which has been functioning since 2001, has been strengthened in 2008. Daily meetings of Nodal Officers of 25 member agencies are being conducted on every working day at MAC Hqrs. level. The details of other meetings conducted by MAC-SMAC during 2012 are as follows: -

SMAC meetings (in states) : 675
J&K (Cross Border Terrorism meetings) : 12
North-East Insurgency related meetings : 16
LWE related assessment meetings : 07
Focus Group meeting on important inputs : 24

During such meetings, intelligence inputs are shared and discussed with responders/State Police and often Law Enforcement Agencies for necessary follow up action.