

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:305

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HYDERABAD BOMB BLASTS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of investigation of the bomb blasts that took place in Hyderabad recently;
- (b) whether the Government had prior intelligence inputs regarding the bomb blasts in Hyderabad;
- (c) if so, the reasons for the failure to prevent the bomb blasts;
- (d) whether any terrorist group has taken responsibility for the said blasts and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken to expedite the investigation in co-ordination with the concerned security agencies of the State?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 305 FOR 19TH MARCH, 2013.

(a) to (e): On 21st February, 2013, between 1858 hrs. and 1901 hrs., two blasts took place at City Bus Stop and at Ramesh Tea Shop on the main road, opposite Bus Depot, Dilsukhnagar respectively in Hyderabad. A total of 17 persons were killed and 123 sustained injuries in these blasts. Preliminary investigations revealed that the IEDs were placed on bicycles causing explosion at both the places. Two generic intelligence inputs from Central Intelligence Agency alerting about likely terrorist activity across India to avenge execution of Afzal Guru, convict of Parliament attack were given to all State Governments/UTs on 9.2.2013 and 16.2.2013. Similarly, two more generic inputs were provided to all State Governments/UTs on 19.2.2013 and 20.2.2013, alerting about threats from terrorist groups to retaliate against the hanging of Afzal Guru. No terrorist group has so far claimed responsibility. In order to expedite the investigation, the Central Government has already directed the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to take up the investigation of the case in coordination with the concerned security agencies of the State Government.