GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:405 ANSWERED ON:23.04.2013 COUNTER TERRORISM MEASURES Reddy Shri Anantha Venkatarami

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government conducts periodic meetings/reviews with the State Governments and issues advisories at regular intervals for combating terrorism and internal security threats;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof during the last one year and the current year;
- (c) whether the Union Government has directed all the State Governments to set up units of anti-terrorist squad in their respective States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the assistance provided to the States in this regard?

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.L 405 FOR 23.4.2013.

(a) to (d): Yes Madam, Union Government conducts periodic meetings/reviews with the State Governments for combating terrorism and Internal Security threats. During the year 2012 Chief Ministers' Conference on Internal Security was held on 16.4.2012. Besides, a Conference of Directors General of Police of all the States was also held from 6 to 8th September, 2012. During the said Conferences various issues related to terrorism and Internal Security threats and measures to counter them were discussed in detail including issues related to Left Wing Extremism, Cross-Border infiltration, Police Modernization and Training etc.

An exclusive meeting of the Chief Ministers was also held on 5th May, 2012 to discuss issues regarding the proposed National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) in order to invite suggestions from various States so as to take them on board in formulating a strong counter terrorism body to unitedly, fight the terrorism and Internal Security threats.

The next Chief Ministers' Conference on Internal Security is proposed to be held on June 5, 2013. Further a Conference of DGPs is also scheduled to be held in September, 2013.

Besides the above, MAC/SMAC meetings are held at regular intervals. During 2012, 22403 inputs were shared with MAC/SMAC networks and in the current year 6392 inputs have been shared till 31st March, 2013.

In addition to the above, the Union Government issues advisories to various States from time to time based on specific inputs from the Central Intelligence Agencies regarding the potential threat to the internal security/law & order/communal situation in the country arising out of nay 'Bandh'/Strike/festivals etc.

Anti Terrorist Squads have already been constituted in various States with different nomenclatures, with a specific mandate to combat terrorism and Internal Security threats.

The Central Government is committed to provide all necessary cooperation and assistance to the State Governments in combating this menace as per the specific proposals from them with regard to these anti terrorism bodies.