GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6564 ANSWERED ON:07.05.2013 THREAT TO RAILWAY STATIONS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are threats of terrorist attacks on some important railway stations like Delhi, Mumbai etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a) :There is no specific intelligence input available from the Central Intelligence Agencies indicating threats of terrorist attack on some important railway stations like Delhi, Mumbai, etc. However, numerous threat letters, hoax calls indicating possible threats to important railway stations came to notice to the intelligence agencies in the past.
- (b) to (c): The security agencies in the State of Maharashtra received three inputs since September, 2012 that the important Railway Stations in the country are likely target for the terror operations. This information has been shared by the Mumbai Police with the all concerned including Railways and were advised to take adequate measures to avoid any untoward incidents. Nakabandis, checking of hotels, lodges and guest houses and rented places are being done regularly to find out if any suspected persons are staying there. Mockdrills are done periodically to strengthen the preparedness of the Force. Anti-terrorism Cells have been formed at Police Station levels and officers in the Cells are being trained to obtain information about terrorists.

Also, the Delhi Police received two inputs in 2012-2013 regarding threats of terrorist attacks on Railway Stations. In Delhi Railway Stations, Railway Authorities have installed CCTVs with recording systems, which are monitored by RPF. Barricades have been installed at the main entry gates of all major Railways Stations in Delhi. The passengers are being checked properly at all entry gates by RPF. Effective patrolling by RPF and GRP is being carried out within the premises of railway stations and in trains stationed at platforms.

Further, Government is committed to thwart any evil design/plan of terrorists or terror groups/outfits to carry out attacks in any part of the country in all forms or manifestations, as no cause can justify terror attacks. As such, intelligence inputs about possible designs and threats by the terrorist outfits are shared with the State Governments. The Multi Agency Centre (MAC) has been strengthened and re-organised to enable it to function on 24x7 basis for real time collation and sharing of intelligence with other intelligence agencies and security intelligence inputs are shared with the concerned States through the established mechanism, which ensures close coordination and sharing of intelligence and seamless flow of information between the States and the Central Security and Law Enforcement Agency. This has resulted in busting of