

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:410

ANSWERED ON:06.08.2013

MEETING OF CHIEF MINISTERS

M.Thambidurai Dr. ;Ponnam Shri Prabhakar;Shetkar Shri Suresh Kumar;Thamaraiselvan Shri R.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had convened a meeting of all the Chief Ministers recently to discuss Centre-State relations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereon; and
- (c) the status of proposal for setting up of the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC), as on date?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. The Government had convened a Chief Ministers Conference on 5th June, 2013, in which discussions were held on the following issues:-

- (i) Internal Security Situation in the country
- (ii) Professionalization of Investigation
- (iii) Modernization of State Police Forces
- (iv) Strengthening of Intelligence Wings
- (v) National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC)
- (vi) Communal Harmony
- (vii) Border Management
- (viii) Coastal Security
- (ix) Prison Reforms and Modernization of Prisons
- (x) Crimes against women and measures taken by States to combat them
- (xi) Police training
- (xii) Left Wing Extremism

(c): Government of India had notified setting up of the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) on 3rd February, 2012. Subsequently, some States raised certain objections with regard to the said Notification. Based on their request and for wider consultations with all the States/UTs on the issue, a meeting was held by the Union Home Minister with the Chief Ministers/Administrators/Lt. Governors of all the States/UTs on 5th May, 2012, wherein their comments/objections/ suggestions were placed on record. A revised draft notification of NCTC was prepared based on the outcome of the above meeting and circulated amongst the participant States/UTs during the recently held CMs conference on internal security on 5th June, 2013.

Whereas some Chief Ministers reiterated the need for such a counter terrorism body, some other Chief Ministers questioned the very utility of the NCTC in the proposed form at a time when MAC, SMAC and NIA are developing well as potential counter terrorism instrumentalities. The deliberations on NCTC remained inconclusive and the operationalisation of NCTC has been kept in abeyance