GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3219 ANSWERED ON:11.02.2014 INDO US POLICE CHIEFS CONFERENCE Majhi Shri Pradeep Kumar

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of Indo-US Police Chiefs of various mega cities of India and USA has been held in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of issues of mutual interests discussed and agreed upon for cooperation in the said Conference?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) to (c) India-US Homeland Security Dialogue-Police Chiefs Conference was held on 4-5 December, 2013 at Vigyan Bhawan, in New Delhi. The Conference was important from the perspective of providing a platform for greater appreciation of internal security challenges in the two countries. The deliberations during the Conference, focused on following seven themes:-

- (I) Response to Mass Casulty Events;
- (II) Maritime Security & Law Enforcement (Passenger and Cargo Security);
- (III) Surveillance and Command Control in Urban Policing;
- (IV) Security and Law Enforcement in Mass Transit System;
- (V) Lawful Interception (Intelligence) and Investigation;
- (VI) Crime Investigation and Forensics;
- (VII) Community Policing.

The Conference was attended by Directors General of Police of States and Central Armed Police Forces, State Government Officers, Police Chiefs / Deputy Chiefs of few US cities, US Federal Government representatives and US Embassy officials.

During the Conference, the speakers from both the countries made presentations on the above themes followed by Panel discussions and question & answer sessions. The Conference helped the officials of the two countries to understand the critical issues impinging upon the above themes and possible approaches towards resolution of such critical issues. No specific areas of mutual cooperation have, however, been identified during the Conference.