GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a summit on homeland security and counter-terrorism was organised for more investment in security infrastructure in view of the increasing terror threats;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which such summits are helpful in countering the menace of terrorism/ insurgency/naxalism?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): India-US Homeland Security Dialogue - Police Chiefs Conference was held on 4-5th 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 Casualty 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 Police of State and Central Armed Police forces, Central and 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.

(c): Such Conferences help the participants of both the countries to exchange ideas about the best practices and alternative approaches that have been successfully adopted in tackling the internal security challenges.