

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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STUDY ON INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any study on problems being faced by the intelligence agencies in tackling terrorism in the country;
- (b) if so, the detailed outcome of the study; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)to (c): The working of intelligence agencies is reviewed from time to time. Action is also taken on the suggestions for improvement & facilitating higher levels of efficiency in Intelligence Agencies.

Further, as part of an ongoing exercise several steps have been taken to strengthen and upgrade the capabilities of intelligence agencies both at the Central and State levels, as well as to enhance information sharing and operational coordination between the Central and State governments. The Multi-Agency Centre in the Intelligence Bureau has been strengthened and re-organized to enable it to function on a 24X7 basis. Executive orders have been issued on 31.12.2008 to regulate the working of MAC, Subsidiary MAC and member agencies. Steps have also been taken to establish dedicated and secure connectivity between all Members of MAC, between MAC and the Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centres (SMACs) and between the SMACs and the State Special Branches. The manpower strength of Agencies are also reviewed and augmented.