GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:18 ANSWERED ON:24.02.2015 INSTALLATION OF CCTV CAMERAS Vichare Shri Rajan Baburao

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked the States to install adequate number of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras to check crime and terrorist activities in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the total funds granted/likely to be granted to the States for installation and maintenance of CCTV Cameras separately, State-wise; and

(d) the other assistance likely to be provided to the States along with the measures being taken by the Government to monitor the functioning of such cameras and to install more CCTV cameras in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) All the State Governments have been advised to put in place regulatory frame work where by the provision of basic security features pertaining to access control and surveillance (through CCTV cameras, etc) systems, are made mandatory in respect of certain types of private establishments, such as Malls, Multiplexes, hotels, restaurants and other entertainment places, etc, where there are large footfalls and public gatherings.

(c) & (d) 'Police' and 'Law and Order' fall under the category of subjects within the domain of the State as per Entry 2 of List II of the VIIth Schedule in the Constitution. Thus, the primary responsibility for managing these subjects lies with the State Governments. However, Ministry of Home Affairs provides funds to State government under Modernisation of Police Force (MPF) Scheme. The main objectives of the scheme is to reduce the dependence of the State Government on Army and Central Police Forces. The focus of the scheme is to strengthen the police infrastructure. The major items covered under the scheme are police building, police housing, mobility, weapons, equipment, training infrastructure, computerization and forensic science. No separate funds are provided exclusively for installation of CCTV cameras in the States. Equipment to be procured under MPF Scheme depends on priorities of State governments.