

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1834

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CENTRE STATE ISSUES

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for revival of the Inter-State Council and Zonal Council meetings to resolve Centre-State issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of unresolved Centre-State issues pending with the Government as on 30 June, 2014;
- (c) the details of the efforts made by the Government to resolve such issues along with the time-frame fixed to resolve the pending issues;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to establish an office to coordinate the activities of the Centre and the States in each State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the nature of functions that are proposed to be discharged by these officers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a): Yes, Madam. It has been decided by the Home Minister that necessary ground work for convening further meetings of the Zonal Councils and the Inter-State Council's meeting to be Chaired by the Home Minister and the Prime Minister respectively would be done to complete all meetings within October, 2015. Inter-State Council Secretariat (ISCS) has been requested to take up the preparatory work.

(b) & (c): There are a number of Centre-State issues relating to legal, administrative, financial, institutional and other miscellaneous demands which have been raised from time to time. The Punchhi Commission which was constituted on 27th April 2007 has made 273 recommendations which have been circulated to the States/Union Territories and Central Ministries/Departments for their comments. No time limit has been fixed for the resolution of these issues.

(d) & (e): No, Madam. The ISCS has already been established to assist the Inter State Council set up under article 263 of the Constitution and hence there is no necessity of any new body.