GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3317 ANSWERED ON:17.03.2015 FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORIES Sawaikar Shri Advocate Narendra Keshav

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new initiatives and projects undertaken under the Plan Scheme of `Establishment of new Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSL), Expansion and Modernisation of existing CFSLs' during the current Five Year Plan period along with the funds allocated/released for the purpose, so far;
- (b) whether forensic science laboratories and brain mapping units are functioning in all the States for helping investigating agencies in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has set up any agency to monitor the functioning of such laboratories and brain mapping units in the country, if so, the details the-reof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government has received any proposal from the States including Kerala for setting up of state of the art forensic laboratories/brain mapping units and if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Government has approved a Scheme under XII Five Year Plan for establishment of three new Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLs) at Pune, Bhopal and Guwahati & expansion and modernization of existing CFSLs at Chandigarh, Hyderabad and Kolkata with an outlay of Rs.279.90 crores.
- (b) & (c): Government of India under the above mentioned Plan Scheme has approved the establishment of Forensic Psychology Division including Brain Finger Printing faci- lities in all six CFSLs. Further, the Forensic Science Laboratories located at Gandhinagar (Gujarat), Bengaluru (Karnataka) and Mumbai have the facilities of Brain Finger Printing Technology to assist the law enforcement agen- cies throughout the country for Psychological inves- tigations.
- (d): The Directorate of Forensic Science Services under Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal agency to monitor the functioning of these Central Forensic Science Labo- ratories.
- (e): There is no proposal with the Government to set up a Central Forensic Laboratory and brain mapping units in the State of the Kerala.