GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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NSG Hubs
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has established regional hubs of the National Security Guard (NSG) to deal with terrorist and extremist attacks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location and State-wise;
- (c) the reasons cited by NSG for spurt in extremism and terrorism during the last four years;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the Multi-Agency Centre to tackle the menace of extremism and terrorism and for sharing of intelligence inputs amongst other intelligence and security agencies;
- (e) whether it is a fact that no regional hub of NSG is being set up in Gujarat and if so, the reasons therefor along with the corrective action taken in this regard; and
- (f) the other measures taken by the Government for upgradation of such regional hubs?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (SHRI KIRAN RIJIJU)

- (a) to (b): The Government has established four Regional Hubs of National Security Guard (NSG) at Chennai in Tamil Nadu, Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh/Telengana, Kolkata in West Bengal and Mumbai in Maharashtra to deal with terrorist and extremist attacks in the country. These hubs have been operationalized on 30th June 2009 and 1st July, 2009.
- (c): The violence figures on account of terrorism have come down in the hinterland and the LWE affected States and overall internal security situation in the country is under control. There has been no incident of terror attack by self styled Jehad groups in the hinterland of the country during the current year.
- (d): An effective and robust intelligence sharing mechanism and coordination amongst intelligence agencies at the Centre and the State level has been developed. The intelligence inputs about possible designs and threats are shared with the State Governments concerned on a regular and near real time basis. The Multi Agency Centre(MAC) at the central level has been developed as an effective intelligence sharing mechanism and re-organised to enable it to function on a 24 X 7 basis for real time collection and sharing of intelligence with other intelligence / security agencies, including the state agencies.
- (e): On receipt of a request from the Government of Gujarat, the Union Government has conveyed 'in-principle' approval for setting up of a NSG Regional hub in Gujarat, subject to the Government of Gujarat providing land free of cost. The site located at Village Randesan, Taluka & Distt Gandhinagar has been selected for establishment of NSG Regional Hub in Gujarat. A formal request has been made to the State Government for handing over the land to NSG.
- (f): In 2014, the Government has approved reinforcement of the four Regional Hubs by augmenting the strength from 241 to 460 personnel in each hub.
