

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3827

ANSWERED ON:09.08.2016

Inter-State Council

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a meeting of Inter-State council has been held recently in New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the issues discussed and consensus arrived at in the meeting;
- (c) whether Punchhi Commission report on Centre-State relations have also been discussed in the meeting and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the names of the States along with the Ministers who have participated in the meeting;
- (e) whether the Government has sought cooperation from the States for checking and siphoning of subsidy and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government has issued guidelines to the States in this regard; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government for smooth and cordial relation between the Centre and the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Agenda items discussed during the 11th meeting of Inter-State Council (ISC) held on 16-07-2016, were as under:

- i). Consideration of the Recommendations of the Punchhi Commission on Centre-State relations,
- ii). Use of Aadhaar as an identifier for providing subsidies, benefits and Public services,
- iii). Improving quality of school education with focus on improving learning outcomes, incentivising better performance, and
- iv). Internal security with focus on intelligence sharing and coordination for combating Terrorism/Insurgency and Police Reforms & Police Modernization.

The suggestions received have been noted by the Inter-State council Secretariat.

(c) & (d): Yes Madam. It was agreed that the Punchhi Commission's recommendations be considered by the Standing Committee of the ISC first and then placed before the ISC to finalize its recommendations. The names of the States along-with the Ministers who have participated in the meeting is at Annexure.

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(e) to (g): In the XI meeting of the Inter-State council, it was emphasized to use Aadhaar seeding in the implementation of various Government schemes so as to be able to achieve maximum transparency and savings. Various guidelines have been issued for direct benefit under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) which is available in the website <http://www.cabsec.gov.in/dbt/index.html>.