GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO 4529 ANSWERED ON **12.04.2017**

Modernisation of State police forces and CCTNS

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

(a) whether Government has taken a serious note on slackness shown towards modernisation of State police forces and introduction of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) despite increase in terror and crime acts;

(b) if so, the reasons for the current state of affairs, especially at the level of State Governments and how Government intends to tide over the situation; and

(c) what are the major plans afoot to track cyber crime when so much of stress is being laid on digitisation of money transaction?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per the provisions of the Constitution of India. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of State Governments by providing assistance under Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF) Scheme to strengthen police infrastructure by way of equipping the police stations with the required mobility, modern weaponry, communication equipment, forensic set-up etc. State Governments take up components and projects as per their strategic priorities and needs under the MPF scheme. During, the fifteen years from 2000-01 to 2014-15, against a total amount of Rs. 15,147.04 crore released under the MPF Scheme, the States had utilized Rs. 14,439.32 crore as on 31.03.2017, which is 95.32% of the total fund released.

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The Crime & Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) project aims at interlinking of all police stations of the country for the purpose of collecting crime and criminal data in an electronic eco system and creating a nationwide data base to facilitate search of criminals and crime related data. The project is scheduled to be implemented by March, 2018. So far in the CCTNS Project, 96.32% Police Stations i.e 13,122 out of 13,623 Police Stations excluding 1,757 Police Stations of Bihar & Rajasthan have CCTNS Software.

(c): The Government has approved a central sector project namely Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children (CCPWC) with a total estimated cost of Rs. 195.83 crores starting from FY 2017-18. The salient features of the Project include, inter-alia, setting up of online cyber crime reporting platform and one national level advanced Cyber Forensic Laboratory, providing support to states/UTs for upgradation/creation of training facilities, Citizen Crime awareness activities, Research and Development(R&D), Capacity building activities.
