

Functions of NATGRID

1560. SHRI GARIKAPATI MOHAN RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up a National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) so as to access real time intelligence data;
- (b) if so, the functions and present status thereof;
- (c) the time by when the NATGRID is likely to become fully operational; and
- (d) whether the NATGRID is able to combat terrorism and internal security challenges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) NATGRID has been set up with a mandate to automate the existing manual processes for collation of intelligence information by connecting over 21 data sources like telecommunication, Banking, Airlines etc. To 10 User Agencies in the Horizon I phase.

(b) and (c) NATGRID shall leverage information technology to access, collate, analyse, correlate, predict and provide speedy dissemination. On 14.06.2012, CCS approved ₹ 1002.97 crore for implementation of foundation and Horizon I and some elements of Horizon II of the project. In addition, on 28.11.2013, CCS approved ₹ 346.05 crore for physical infrastructure. CCS, on 13.3.2014, approved the extension of NATGRID project for a period of two years, till 30 June, 2016.

(d) Once NATGRID is set up it shall augment country's counter-terrorism capabilities.

Vacancy of IPS officers

1561. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of IPS officers in Direct Recruitment quota and there will be total 1295 vacancies over the next seven years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and vacancies in various States/Union Territories and the steps taken in this regard;