

Tardy implementation of CCTNS project

1208. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to streamline police stations, prisons, prosecution directorates and forensic labs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has set an ambitious March, 2017 deadline for networking the country's 15,000 police stations as part of the Ministry's Crime and Criminals Tracking Networking and System (CCTNS) project;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether aforesaid project is facing tardy implementation;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government to achieve the deadline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to implement Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) by integrating the Software Applications of Courts, prisons, police, forensics and prosecution by March, 2017.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 18th November 2015 has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for extension and revamping of the Crime and Criminals Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) Project for implementation by March ,2017 which includes networking of all police stations.

(e) to (g) CCTNS is a complex project with the project activities being undertaken by a number of stakeholders. All States/UTs went through a complex tendering process to engage System Integrators - involving all the clearances and approvals from the State/UT level governance structure of CCTNS project, which took time. Also frequent changes of officers responsible for CCTNS at State/UT level led to delays. Such large program was being carried out for the first time, but now enough experience has been gained and the project is in advanced stage of implementation. Further this Ministry has revamped the governance structure for monitoring the Project implementation.