

**OPENING STATEMENT OF THE HOME MINISTER AT THE PRESS**  
**CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

The highlight for the month of August was the day-long Conference of Chief Ministers on Internal Security on 17 August, 2009. The Prime Minister inaugurated the Conference. The deliberations were fruitful and showed a greater degree of convergence of views. At the end, I summed up the issues on which the Central Government and the State Governments would be required to take further steps. The minutes of the Conference will be circulated to the States.

2. Later on that day, I met with the Chief Ministers of seven Naxal affected States and outlined the broad approach to deal with the challenge of Left wing Extremism. I wish to draw attention, once again, to the policy of the Central Government. We believe in the two-pronged approach of development and police action. However, the naxalites are anti-development and therefore deliberately target developmental activities. Our response therefore will be police action to wrest control of the territory that is now dominated by naxalites, restoration of civil administration and undertaking developmental activities. We will also encourage State Governments to talk to the naxalites on condition that they give up their misconceived 'armed liberation struggle.' The seven State Governments present at the meeting broadly endorsed the approach outlined by me and promised total cooperation.

3. I visited Bhutan between August 21-23, 2009. I had very useful discussions with His Majesty Jigme K N Wangchuck, King of Bhutan and the Prime Minister of Bhutan. I also met His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuck, the Fourth King of Bhutan.

4. I called on the Prime Minister of Nepal when he visited Delhi on 20 August 2009 and discussed with him many issues of mutual interest. It was agreed that the Home Secretary level talks between the two countries will be held on 6-7 November 2009 at Kathmandu. *En route* to Bhutan, when the aircraft halted at Kathmandu, the Home Minister of Nepal met me at the airport.

### **Internal Security**

5. A new dossier on the role of Hafiz Saeed and the evidence against him, gathered from Kasab and other sources, was handed over on 20 August 2009 to the Ministry of External Affairs to be transmitted to the Government of Pakistan.

6. August 2009 witnessed a number of wanton acts of violence by Left wing Extremists. Nevertheless, Government is confident of persuading a number of naxalites to surrender and opt for rehabilitation. Hence, revised Guidelines and a package for Surrender and Rehabilitation of Naxalites were issued on 26 August, 2009 in order to encourage naxalites to lay down arms.

7. Suspension of Operations (SoO) Agreements with the Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and the United People's Front (UPF) of Manipur were extended by a year upto 21 August, 2010. Likewise, the SoO with the United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) of Assam was extended by six months upto 31 January, 2010.

8. The Third round of tripartite talks between the Government of India, Government of West Bengal and the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) led by Shri Anmol Prasad was chaired by the Home Secretary on 11 August, 2009. I may point out that GJM leadership has been positive about the outcome of the talks. The next round of talks is planned for 21 December, 2009 at Darjeeling.

9. Sanction was issued on 11 August, 2009 for the release of special assistance under a Central Scheme for setting up of seven temporary Counter Insurgency and Anti-Terrorism (CIAT) Schools during the financial year 2009-10 to the State Governments of Assam (2), Bihar (2), Chhattisgarh (1), Jharkhand (1) and Orissa (1).

10. A Security Related Expenditure (SRE) advance of Rs. 20 crore was released to the States against a BE of Rs. 80 crore for 2009-10 on 28 August, 2009.

### **CPMFs**

11. Approval was accorded to the CRPF to raise 38 new Battalions, including two *Mahila* Battalions. The addition of these Battalions will raise the strength of the CRPF from 207 to 245 Battalions and the sanctioned manpower from 267,757 to more than 305,000 personnel under one command.

12. A total amount of Rs. 172.48 crore was sanctioned for various infrastructure projects in the CPMFs, as under:

CRPF	-	Rs.42.67 crore
SSB	-	Rs.47.50 crore
BSF	-	Rs.62.85 crore
AR	-	Rs.19.46 crore

Besides, Rs. 36.74 crore was sanctioned for the acquisition of land.

13. 932 posts were sanctioned in the CISF for deployment at seven installations. This includes 68 posts for the Electronics City, Bangalore, a private sector enterprise. This will be the second private sector enterprise that will receive CISF cover.

14. The SSB Act, 2007 was brought into force on 1 August 2009. SSB Rules, 2009 were also notified.

15. Sanction was issued on 13 August 2009 for setting up a Research and Technology Centre in the Intelligence Bureau. 77 posts were also sanctioned.

16. The Doctors' Assured Career Progression Scheme was extended up to the SAG level for medical/dental officers in the CPMFs.

17. Following the acceptance of the Sixth CPC recommendation, the quota of cadre officers in CPMFs at the level of DIG has been substantially increased and notified on 10 August 2009. The revised ratios between cadre officers and IPS/Army officers in the CRPF, BSF and ITBP would be 80:20; in the CISF 70:30; and in the SSB there will be no change and the ratio will be maintained 60:40.

### **National Integration**

18. Three *Kabir Puraskar* and four National Communal Harmony Awards were given away by the President in a solemn ceremony in New Delhi on 12 August, 2009. These awards have been instituted to recognize contributions towards national integration and communal harmony.

### **Border and Coastal Security**

19. 43 Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) were provided with computer hardware. Site preparation work has been completed at 9 ICPs, while work is at an advanced stage of completion in 7 ICPs.

20. On the India-Bangladesh border, 27 kms of fencing and 16 kms of road works were completed in August. Further, 40 kms of fencing were replaced in the month. Work on completing 50 kms of flood lighting is in progress and is expected to be completed by the end of September, 2009.

21. On the Gujarat segment of the India-Pakistan border, approval was accorded for the revision of cost of the project for fencing and flood-lighting of BOPs. The revised cost will be Rs.1201 crore and the project will be completed by 2011-12.

22. On the India-China border, work is in progress on 10 border roads with a total length of 196 kms. 40.08 kms of formation works and 5.40 kms of surfacing works have been completed. The work on the Phorbrank-Chartse-Point 4433 road has been cleared by the Supreme Court.

23. Five boats were delivered in August by GSRE, Kolkata under subsisting contracts with them.

### **Census 2011 and National Population Register (NPR)**

24. The House-listing operations for the NPR were completed in 314 villages covering 1462 Enumeration Blocks in 7 States. Direct data collection was started in the first week of August 2009 in all these villages. The pre-test of NPR schedules was completed on 17 August, 2009 for the entire country.

25. The pre-test for Census 2011, which commenced on 28 June, 2009 in all the 35 States and Union Territories involving a total of over 1,181 Enumeration Blocks, was successfully completed on 5 August, 2009. The House-list schedules for the pre-test are now being processed and tabulated.

### **States/UTs**

26. The Inter-State Council was reconstituted with the Prime Minister as the Chairman on 21 August, 2009.

## **Police cadre management**

27. IPS Cadre Review of the States of West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh were completed.

28. As per the directives of the Supreme Court (Prakash Singh & Others vs Union Of India; 22 September, 2006) on police reforms we have taken the following decisions:

- (i) To set up one State Security Commission for all UTs, which would lay down the broad policies and evaluate performance of the police in each UT;
- (ii) To set up two Police Establishment Boards (PEB) in each UT, one for the ranks of Inspectors and above and the other for Sub-Inspectors and below. The PEBs would decide all transfers, postings, promotions and all service related matters;
- (iii) To set up a Police Complaints Authority in each UT;
- (iv) To accord two-year tenures to key police functionaries, except under exceptional circumstances/administrative exigencies which would be recorded in writing;
- (v) To separate police personnel into Law & Order and Investigative Wings.

## **Capacity upgradation**

29. A sum of Rs. 89 crore was allotted to the States under the Crime & Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) for the networking of all crime-related data amongst all police stations, States and the Centre.

30. Orders were placed for a modern simulation system for the NSG at a cost of Rs 2.10 crore and a new CCTV security system for the Parliament at a cost of Rs 29.5 crore.

31. Approval was accorded to a Plan Scheme relating to Modernisation of Traffic and Communications Network of the Delhi Police at a cost of Rs.200 crore for implementation in Eleventh Five-Year Plan.

32. A biometric attendance control system has been installed in the Ministry of Home Affairs. The biometric database and attendance data record of the employees would be available over a secure network to the supervisory officers.

33. I am glad to inform you that taking note of the growing needs of the metropolitan city of Delhi. The Central Government has sanctioned additional manpower of 6,478 policemen at a cost of Rs.199.15 crore per annum. Further, 29 new police stations have also been sanctioned, and the list is attached. This would raise the total number of police stations in Delhi to 155.

## List of new Police Stations

01	PS JAITPUR
02	PS SAKET
03	PS NEB SARAI
04	PS GOVIND PURI
05	PS SHAHABAD DAIRY
06	PS VIJAY VIHAR
07	PS CHHAWLA
08	PS MIANWALI NAGAR
09	PS RANHOLA
10	PS RANJIT NAGAR
11	PS MADHU VIHAR
12	PS JAGAT PURI
13	PS PUL PRAHLAD PUR
14	PS SUNLIGHT COLONY
15	PS ROHINI NORTH
16	PS BEGUM PUR
17	PS K.N. KATJU MARG
18	PS BAHLASWA DAIRY
19	PS MAHENDRA PARK
20	PS RANI BAGH
21	PS BHARAT NAGAR
22	PS JYOTI NAGAR
23	PS SONIA VIHAR
24	PS ZAFRABAD
25	PS DHAULA KUAN
26	PS DWARKA NORTH
27	PS SAFDARJUNG ENCLAVE
28	PS VASANT KUNJ SOUTH
29	PS FATEHPUR BERI

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