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### **Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh**

On behalf of state of Madhya Pradesh, I, express my gratitude to the Hon'ble Union Home Minister for his initiative to hold conferences on internal security at a regular interval. Internal security of the country is an important and sensitive issue which was previously being neglected.

I want to assure this house that Madhya Pradesh is serious and sensitive to its obligation towards internal security of the country. We have taken many measures to make the state's internal security impregnable.

I must inform here that we have taken all necessary steps in furtherance to the decisions taken in earlier conferences on internal security. The State Govt. has undertaken measures on its own to strengthen internal security mechanism. But my suggestions in earlier

conferences are yet to be looked into. I am confident and hopeful that Hon'ble Union Minister will consider my suggestions and proposals for further necessary action.

A state level Anti Terrorist Squad has been formed. This Squad is continuously taking action against destructive forces and has arrested Inamur-rahman, Arshad and other office bearers of banned outfit SIMI, in past three months. Absconding terrorists wanted in other states have been arrested and handed over to the concerned states. Mohd. Yunus @ Umer, Kyamudin Kapadia, Irfan etc. accused in Ahmedabad blast and Saifur-rahman wanted in Jaipur blast, were arrested and handed over to Gujrat police and Rajasthan ATS respectively.

Quick Reaction Teams have been constituted at range level to deal with any incidence and emergency situation. A proposal for two India Reserve Battalions is being sent to Govt. of India for approval.

Terrorism has no boundaries and it has national and international ramifications. However, the first respondent to any terrorist act is the local police. Anti terrorist units of states can be made more effective if Central Government

bears the full budgetary expenditure for establishing, training and necessary infrastructure for such units for initial five years while the expenditure for next five years on these units can be equally shared by the Central Govt. and State Govt. There already exists a Govt. of India's special scheme (SRE) for naxalite areas under which expenditure under selected heads is being reimbursed by Central Govt. A similar scheme with wider coverage for anti terrorist efforts will be of great help to the state Police Forces.

It was expected from the State Govts. to set up anti terrorist units. The Union Home Ministry had assured for the training of officers of such units in premium training institutions like NSG and other national level expert institutions. We are eagerly waiting for a positive reply to the repeated requests to allot seats for training. It is once again requested to facilitate training to officers of such units in these specialised training institutions.

A number of dreaded terrorists have been arrested by state police officers and they have been suitably rewarded at the state level. If the Central Government

can also reward officers doing such outstanding work, it will be an important initiative to boost the morale of all security agencies.

The regular coordination between central and state intelligence and security agencies is a pre-requisite for success in our fight against anti national activities. Central and state agencies should work in harmony and complement one another. This point was brought before you in the last meeting also. Despite that, level of coordination is still not of the expected level. State is informing the central agencies but, central agencies are not reciprocating on their own. Only recently our state police learnt about the arrest of Mohd. Amjad alias Khwaja (commander of HUJI) in Hyderabad with the help of central agencies and arrest of an important PWG member Surya Prabhakar in Mumbai, through media. We feel that the timely exchange of important inputs will be of immense help for an expected action.

The Union Home Ministry has set up "SMAC" control room at state level to share the information but this control room has yet to become operational.

We have achieved major successes against naxalites. There was a general feeling of terror and fear in the area after the assassination of Sh. Likhi Ram Kanwre, cabinet Minister, in 1999, by naxalites. Left Wing Extremists (LWE) are trying to expand their area of influence around existing naxalite affected areas. However, better policing, overall development initiatives and other measures have helped us in containing naxalite activities.

A part of the state is affected by naxalite violence. The State Government and the police have done an outstanding job by not only containing naxalite violence and their area of domination but also tried to free such areas from naxalite influence through increased developmental activities. It is unfair to exclude Mandla and Dindori districts from SRE scheme because of this commendable work. Special attention is required to be given to prevent these areas from becoming naxalite effected again. Left Wing extremists are constantly trying to expand their operations in Dindori, Anoopur, Sidhi, Singrauli, Shahdol and Mandla districts bordering the state

of Chhattisgarh and UP. I had requested earlier also that SRE scheme should cover these districts.

Recently, an important train like Rajdhani Express was held captive by maoists. We need to learn a lesson from this incident and strengthen the security of railway stations and trains. Keeping in view, the prevailing security scenario, the GRP which is a state security agency responsible important railway functions, is under a great stress due to depleting resources. In the last couple of years, many new railway stations have been made operational. Here I must bring to your knowledge that the Central Govt. has not sanctioned additional forces to commensurate with increased responsibilities nor has reimbursed the proportionate expenditure incurred on the existing sanctioned force, for last many years.

In order to keep pace with industrialisation and urbanisation in the state, 3157 new posts in police force have been sanctioned in last three years. In addition, we have created 1500 new posts this year. The recruitment for vacant posts in the force is in progress. To boost the morale of police officers, promotional opportunities and other welfare measures are also being provided.

Strengthening of police stations at the field level has always remained our priority and new posts have been created for this purpose. A plan for this purpose has been prepared through 'Manthan' (process of deliberations). To improve intelligence gathering "Beat system" is being made effective at the grass root level i.e. police station. Additional posts for Special Branch of state police have been created to strengthen intelligence collection.

Crime & Criminal Tracking Networking System (CCTNS) is being implemented as per plan. MOU has been signed on 26.10.2009 and further necessary action is being taken.

Another important aspect of internal security is to have a continuous live contact with general public. In this direction, we have activated community policing at the field level. "Mohalla Raksha Samitis" and "Gram Raksha Samitis" have been constituted and activated at the Police Station level. A special law is already in existence for the efficient functioning of the "Samitis". These "Samitis" act as a channel to encourage general public to give information about suspicious activities, persons or objects.

To promote active participation and to motivate such “Samitis” the State Government has provided necessary budget and also made provision for the payment of ex-gratia in case of any injury or death during duty.

An innovative initiative of complaint redressal through ‘Jan Sunwai’ has been undertaken wherein all officers are available to complainants at pre-determined hours once a week. Action is taken on the received complaints in a fixed time frame.

It has been brought to my notice that land is required at Bhopal for Central Forensic Science Laboratory. I assure Hon’ble Union Home Minister that land as per the requirement will be provided very soon for this purpose.

It is very important to enhance the capabilities of police stations as they are the first respondents to face and handle any incident. Keeping in view the resource availability in the state, the Union Government should take initiative to sanction special package for the next 5 years to bring police public ratio in the state in consonance with national standards. The Standing Committee of Central Zonal Council in its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 24.2.2009, has

also recommended that Central Govt. may share the burden of increased cost for additional police forces for intelligence collection and anti terrorist and naxalite operations.

It is well accepted that development and security are complementary to one another. NDA government realising this fact had undertaken an extensive scheme to modernise state police. At present, the outlay for Police modernization is not increasing in proportion to the increase in outlay for development expenditure, while on the contrary it is decreasing. The implementation of development schemes and its benefits under those schemes has resulted in a rise in pressure on police system. I, therefore, earnestly urge you to further extend the Modernisation of Police Forces Scheme with enhanced Central contribution to face the challenges of internal security.

An important component of internal security is to check organised crime. We have initiated strict legal action against land-grabbers and criminal elements to control organised crime. Many important democratic nations of

the world have legislated tough laws for terrorist acts to safeguard their citizens. I would like to emphasize that stringent legislations are the need of hour as India is continuously facing terrorist acts. In order to effectively check terrorist activities and organized crime, 'Madhya Pradesh Atankwadi evam Ucchedak Gatividhi tatha Sangathit Apradh Niyantaran Vidheyak 2010', is being tabled in the budget session of the State Assembly.

We are seriously contemplating necessary amendments in the existing laws to provide information about tenants, cyber cafes, security measures at public places etc. for the purpose of strengthening internal security and intelligence collection.

Reforms in criminal justice system is an important aspect for desired results in internal security. Justice Malimath committee had made important recommendations in this respect. Presently, 'prove beyond doubt' is the principle for conviction. The committee has recommended the principle of 'Court conviction that it is true'. There is a need to lay down the time limit for completion of trial. Safeguarding of rights of victim will go a long way in

imparting justice to victim. Number of such recommendations are enumerated in committee report which if implemented, will give relief to common man.

There is a need for stringent penal provisions under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. This Act provides for capital punishment for causing death by use of explosives, poisonous chemicals or dangerous weapons, but providing funds, conspiring, harboring terrorists and organizing training camps for terrorists attracts a minimal punishment of 3 to 5 years only and punishment for such acts needs to be enhanced. Further, the legal requirement of permission for prosecution sanction in cases under UAPA before submission of challan to the court leads to unnecessary delay, whereas the courts examine such cases very minutely. This necessity of permission for prosecution sanction needs to be removed.

Delay in the decision of trial cases of Afzal and Kasab is reducing the faith in justice system in the eyes of the common man. India is being increasingly recognized as a soft state at the international level. Speedy trial in cases relating to national security and integrity will induce

a fear in criminals and increase the confidence of public in the rule of law.

I once again thank, Hon'ble Union Home Minister and hope that a working group will be constituted to deliberate on points raised by the states, so that a proper roadmap for strengthening the internal security is prepared and put up for discussion before this house in the next conference.

