

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5825**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD APRIL, 2018/ CHAITRA 13, 1940 (SAKA)

POLNET PROJECT

5825. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Police Telecommunication Network (POLNET) project which was initiated in 2002 to connect the police and the Central Armed Police Forces of the country through a satellite based communication network, is non-functional in various States?

(b) if so, the details of all such States and the reasons for non-functioning of POLNET;

(c) whether there is shortage of skilled staff and trained personnel such as radio operators and technicians to operate POLNET equipment; and

(d) if so, the details of the corrective measures taken by the Government to overcome the above issues?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Out of 35 States/ UTs, the Police Network Communication

(POLNET) is non-functional in 12 States/UTs viz. Andhra Pradesh, Goa,

Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamilnadu, Uttarakhand, Andaman &

Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Dadar & Nagar Haveli and

Lakshdweep due to obsolescence of technology & equipments etc. The

Government has approved the proposal for upgradation and expansion of

POLNET project with latest technology.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.