

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 341

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021/ AGRAHAYANA 9, 1943 (SAKA)

ZONAL COUNCIL MEETING

341. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government regularly conducts Zonal Council Meetings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Southern Zonal Council met recently;
- (d) if so, the list of Chief Ministers or representatives of States who attended this meeting and all the previous meetings held during the last three years;
- (e) whether the Government keeps the record of Chief Ministers who have not attended the Southern Zonal Council Meetings; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof during the aforesaid period?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) to (c): From 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2015 to 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, four Meetings of Eastern Zonal Council, three meetings of Central Zonal Council, three Meetings of Northern Zonal Council, four meetings of Western Zonal Councils and three meetings of Southern Zonal Council were held. Thereafter, Zonal Council meetings could not take place due to prevalent Covid-19 situation. Recently, a meeting of Southern Zonal Council has been held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

(d) to (f): The Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Puducherry; Minister for Education, Tamil Nadu; Finance Minister and Minister for Revenue and Housing, Kerala; Home Minister, Telangana; Lt. Governors of Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands; Administrator of Lakshadweep; the Minister of Health & Medical Education, Karnataka; Minister for Finance, Planning, Legislative Affairs & Commercial Taxes, Andhra Pradesh; and Minister for Panchayati Raj, Andhra Pradesh attended the Southern Zonal Council meeting which was held on November 14, 2021 at Tirupati.

Meeting of Southern Zonal Council was previously held on 18.9.2018 at Bengaluru which was attended by the Chief Ministers of Karnataka and Puducherry; Deputy Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu; Minister for Tourism, Karnataka; Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Karnataka; Minister for Finance, Andhra Pradesh; Minister for Finance and Coir, Kerala; Minister for Health, Puducherry; and Lt. Governor of A&N Islands.

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