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GOVERNOR'S SPEECH ON GENERAL LAW AND ORDER
SCENARIO,

MORNING SESSION

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Manmohan Singh ji, Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Sushil kumar shinde ji, Other Hon'ble Central Minister, Hon'ble Chief Ministers. Governors of States and Union Territories, Representative from Govt. of India and States.

At the outset I congratulate and thank the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Union Home Minister for organizing this conference on the critical and timely subject of Internal Security. Jharkhand Government reiterates its resolve and commitment to try and do its utmost to maintain law and order and peace in the state and face all challenges to it proactively.

With the tightening of administrative discipline and focus on processes and outcomes in policing the crime control and law & order scenario in the state has started looking up. The Internal Security has generally improved and there is now greater focus on intelligence based operations and a multifaceted approach towards securitisation of development. While the issue of naxalism will be addressed in the evening session, I will confine myself to terrorist threat and other issues of law and order now. The following are the highlights on this front:

TERRORISM

- Although Jharkhand has not had any non-naxal terrorist incidents within the state, it has nevertheless had incidents of harboring of certain terrorist elements by relatives and acquaintances of terrorist elements who were active in other parts of the country. In the recent past the arrest of Manzar Imam by NIA with the active cooperation of Jharkhand police underlines that the State is committed to consistent alertness and proactive cooperation with the national agencies to ensure that it is not used as a harbouring point for any terrorist outfits. In the past also, the Jharkhand police has been complimented for aiding in the arrest of some operatives, notably one Ehtesham, who was being searched by the Delhi police and who had designs of causing blasts in Delhi.
- In the context of terrorism and internal security it would be our considered view that some mechanism like the NCTC is urgently required for coordinated Centre-State approach towards tackling terrorism in the country.
- On our part we have already established the Subsidiary Multi Agency Centre (SMAC) as part of the intelligence coordination infrastructure. Similarly, the Cyber Defence Research Centre (CDRC) has been set up under the Special Branch to give teeth to cyber surveillance and analysis apart from protecting our cyber infrastructure from external threats.
- We propose to set up the ATS (Anti-terrorist squad) within the purview of the CID which already handles organised crime and terrorism

GENERAL CRIME AND LAW & ORDER

- The Crime situation in the state has been by and large normal. One incident of kidnapping and subsequent murder of a businessman called Gyanchand Jain from Ranchi town did generate public concern but as was subsequently clear it was the personal driver of Mr Jain who kidnapped and murdered him without demanding any ransom confirming the initial suspicion of police that it was primarily vendetta murder and not essentially a case of kidnapping.
- First and foremost emphasis has been put on galvanising the control rooms both at the state and the district levels. The State Control Room has been reset and remodelled and strengthened with extra manpower and equipment as well as round the clock connectivity. Similarly, the district control rooms have been activated to become a nerve centre of law and order and crime control in the respective jurisdictions.
- City policing has been focused upon especially in four cities of Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Bokaro and Dhanbad. More feet on ground policy has ensured more men in uniform in these cities and patrolling has been intensified to give ready relief to citizens.
- A clear thrust has been given for women's safety and security and innovations like anti-eve teasing cells and Shakti Mobile (for exclusive protection of women) have been started
- Anti-human Trafficking measures have been taken and institutional efforts to combat evils like witch-hunting in Jharkhand have started
- A comprehensive computerized database of criminals with their detailed profiling has been made with online access for all SPs. The

state police data centre is now engaged in linking it to a system of geographical profiling.

- Classification of criminals and absconders into A, B and C categories in proportion to their influence and criminal antecedents have been done in all districts and accordingly priorities have been fixed for the apprehension of such criminals
- Cyber Crime PS has been set up in CID as a single resolution and investigation point for cyber crimes.
- On the Law & Order front there have been no serious incidents or conflagrations. Three notable incidents of police firing did take place - one in Patthalgadda PS area of Chatra district, the second in Chanho PS area of Ranchi district and the third in area of Garhwa district. In the first two incidents, local undesirables tried to communalise the atmosphere and in the third anti-social elements tried to sabotage local sentiments against the police over a routine arrest leading to police firing. In these incidents one person was each critically injured. In Chatra and Garhwa the persons died while the injured person in Chanho firing survived. However, police exercised restraint in each of these situations and brought the situation quickly under control despite the fact that there were efforts by rogue elements to destabilise the situation. Firing was necessary in both incidents to quell the riotous mob and save any further damage to life and property. All due procedures have been followed in the wake of the incident to ensure justice and compensation to affected parties and also to comply with legal and human rights related guidelines etc.

Thus, in sum, the Law and Order and crime scenario in Jharkhand has been generally satisfactory and under control. As already said, the occasional terrorist linkages in the state have been tackled quite proactively

by the state police in coordination with national agencies or agencies of the affected states. We aim to further consolidate and improve the situation in the days to come.

Once again I thank the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister for convening this critical conference and express complete solidarity and commitment of the state of Jharkhand towards the cause of effective internal security in India.

Jai Hind!

Jai Jharkhand!