



Raksha Mantri chairs first IGoM meeting to review West Asia situation & its impact on India

Need to adopt medium to long-term preparedness approach & ensure swift decision-making, says Shri Rajnath Singh

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Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, on March 28, 2026, chaired the first meeting of the Informal Group of Ministers (IGoM) set-up to monitor the evolving situation in West Asia, and recommend proactive measures in response to the developments. Held at Kartavya Bhawan-2, New Delhi, the meeting was attended by Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt Nirmala Sitharaman; Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju; Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Hardeep Singh Puri; Minister of Power Shri Manohar Lal; Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda; Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Shri Prahlad Joshi; Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu; and Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh.



The IGoM took a holistic stock of the evolving situation and its impact on various sectors in India. Raksha Mantri emphasised the need for a proactive, coordinated and forward-looking approach, and underscored the importance of remaining vigilant in view of the evolving scenario.



As part of the meeting, presentations were made by the seven Empowered Groups of Secretaries (EGoS), outlining key sectoral issues identified and the policy measures already put in place to manage the situation. Shri Rajnath Singh provided guidance to the EGoS to continue the close monitoring of the situation, adopt a medium to long-term preparedness approach, maintain high-level coordination, and ensure swift decision-making. He stressed that all policy efforts should remain in synergy and be implemented in a time-bound manner. He also sought constructive inputs from all the concerned Ministers to ensure that India remains resilient and prepared.



The IGoM reaffirmed the importance of close coordination with States and district administrations, along with timely communication of key policy initiatives to the public. The need for assessing the impact of the situation across various industries was also discussed. It was also directed that all Ministries and Departments share relevant information, developments and advisories related to the ongoing situation through the MIB WhatsApp Channel to ensure dissemination of accurate information to citizens and to effectively counter rumours, misinformation and fake news.



In a post on X after the meeting, Raksha Mantri stated that the Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, is committed to safeguarding the Indian people from any impact of the conflict.

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