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Pradhan Committee finds serious lapses on Gafoor's part

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Former Union Secretary, Ram Pradhan (left) presenting administrative committee report on 26/11 to Minister of Maharashtra, Ashok Chavan. Photo: Vivek Bendre

A high-level committee appointed by the Maharashtra government to go into the serious lapses on the part of the then Mumbai Police Commissioner Hasan Gafoor in the 26/11 terror-pronged attack.

However, the two-member committee did not find any serious lapses to act on and police men of the Mumbai Police.

“There was absence of overt leadership on the part of Hasan Gafoor, the CP, and the CP’s office,” said the report prepared by former Governor and Union Hon

The report tabled by Maharashtra Home Minister R.R. Patil in the Assembly on several lacunae in working, both within Mantralaya, the State secretariat, and th

“Well set out procedures for handling intelligence and 'Crisis Management' were not given the attention,” Mr. Pradhan said in his note to Chief Minister Ashok Chavan presen

also had as member V Balachandran, former Special Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat. The report said the "war-like" attack was beyond the capacity of the Mumbai Police. It had to be tackled by specialised forces such as the National Security Guard. "However, we find that the CP Mumbai did not exhibit adequate initiative in handling the situation. It remained at one spot near Trident Hotel throughout the operations.

"For lack of visible Command and Control at the CP's office, an impression that the operation was being conducted ineffectively, was created by the public.

"Moreover several senior officers told us that those three days, the CP did not give any leadership during ongoing operations. We found that although the CP kept in touch on wireless air, the officers felt that they did not get a feeling that they were part of a team," the report said.

The committee said "we have come to the conclusion that there was absence of leadership at the CP of Hasan Gafoor, the CP".

The committee did not find any failure to act on inputs provided by the central intelligence agencies. It had a word of praise for the then Director General of Police A N Roy, who it found that he made himself available to provide information and offered help while taking care of the Mumbai Police officers.

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