

## **Homeland Security Industry**

### **Sector Profile**

India is most often referred to as a “soft state” owing to its 7500 kilometers of coastline running through 9 states and 4 union territories, difficult relationships with neighbors and the most important, the limited ability to systematically deal with numerous threats. Occurrences like the 26/11, Mumbai blast, security issues during the large public events, growing instances of terrorism & ethnic group conflicts has increased the focus on homeland security in India.

The central and state governments perceive modernization and upgradation as one of the key focus besides creating a supporting infrastructure for the long term. The Ministry of Home Affairs has targeted development of India’s Homeland Security focused infrastructure, like creation of a centralized comprehensive database called National Information Grid (NATGRID) by combining the individual databases of several government agencies, setting up of the CCTNS (Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems) and modernization programs for providing better equipment and training to the security forces deployed with the task of internal security in India.

India offers a large potential for firms looking to leverage the opportunities apparent in this sector in the country on account of the following factors:

- High GDP growth
- Challenging relationships with neighbors
- Outdated equipments and systems
- Increased spending on modernizing military capabilities and infrastructure
- Focus on creating and enhancing support Infrastructure
- Emerging public-private participation opportunities

### **Overview**

FICCI recognizes the importance of internal security and hence has a dedicated desk to look into various policy and trade issues pertaining to the sector. We are committed to work with various stakeholders like Police, Paramilitary Forces,

Policy makers, Industry etc towards safety & security. Some of the focus areas are:

- **Safe & Secure City**

A Safe City initiative leverages partnerships and technology to help communities & businesses reduce crime and create an environment where people feel safe and secure. Cities that attract economic power and foster growth also spawn crime, violence & overall insecurity. Urban dwellers are constantly faced by threats like disaster – both natural & man made, terrorism, organized crimes, theft / burglary, rape, human trafficking etc. An urban center is to be treated like an establishment that requires equivalent of a perimeter security, protection of the citizens residing therein and safe-guarding of the sensitive pockets and establishments within, through prevention, quick detection and speedy response.

FICCI wishes to work with various stakeholders for creation of Safe & Secure neighborhood.

- **Possible Amendments to Private Security Agency Regulation (PSAR) Act –**

The police to citizen ratio at the all-India level are about 117 policemen for every one lakh people, which is much lower than the United Nations standard of 222. The change in lifestyle of the last few years have boosted demand for private security services, with corporate offices, hotels, residential complexes as well as individuals becoming more concerned about security.

The Man Guarding Industry forms a large portion of the Indian Security Industry, which is regulated by **Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005- PSARA ACT**. This ACT needs to be relooked for appropriate amendments.

- **Capacity Building programs:** We intend to organize capacity building programmes in the field of security.
- **India Risk Survey-** FICCI and Pinkerton partnered to undertake the first ever India Risk Survey. The objective of the report was to inform and sensitise all stakeholders about the new emerging risks for the developing economies like India so that a well-planned and strategic policy decisions could be drafted and implemented for their mitigation. This will become an annual feature.