

# 'Weak legal system may prevent Dawood's conviction'

## Ex-RAW Secy Says 26/11 Was Result Of Intel Mismanagement

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**Ahmedabad:** Amid cries made by the government of India to bring back 1992 serial blast accused, **Dawood Ibrahim**,



former special secretary of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) V Balachandran said on Monday that

even if the underworld don is brought to the country, it will be difficult to secure his conviction under the current legal system.

Balachandran, who was speaking at the Indian Institute of Technology at Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn) on 'Internal Security Management in India and Threats like the Islamic State', also said that the country's intelligence service has a 'top

down' approach instead of running both ways.

"Intelligence should move both ways. There should be a dialogue between Central and state governments. It cannot be one way," he said.

On a question over Ibrahim's extradition, he said, "Are we sure that Dawood will be convicted in India? So many of Dawood's henchmen were brought to India, but with such weak cases against them, they did not get convicted. One of the closest henchmen of Dawood in Karnataka is now a political leader." "If we have such a system, I am not sure that Dawood will be convicted here in India. He will be acquitted by Indian courts or by the Indian police. Case papers against him, perhaps, will go missing," he mused.

On the sidelines of the lecture, Balachandran said, while quoting some media reports, that some eight people were detained in February 2008, who had confessed to planning an attack like the 26/11 Mumbai attack, but they were let off.

"26/11 was a failure of ma-

agement of information. You have to manage the information. It was definitely mismanagement by government of India, home ministry, and national security council who did not do anything on the intelligence input," he said.

Balachandran said that India's Constitution-makers have copy pasted Schedule seven in the Constitution.

"Schedule seven of the Constitution, which says law and order and police will be under the state government, has to be made time relevant. It should not only be the state's subject, the central government should also do its part, like in the current education system," he said.

He also said that the police system will collapse if overloaded with work.

"The basic job of police is prevention and detection of crime and maintenance of public order. They are not doing it, as they are also engaged in preventing things like illegal constructions. Keep adding burdens on the police, and they will collapse," he said.