

(d) Central assistance of Rs. 559.0 lakhs has been tentatively earmarked for Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Rice, including Special Rice Production Programme. An amount of Rs. 28.00 lakhs has been earmarked tentatively under Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Pulses.

Supply of Drinking Water to Fluoride Affected Villages of Andhra Pradesh

5587. SHRI BASAVAPUNNAIAH SINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a project report relating to supply of drinking water to fluoride affected villages in Nalgonda, Krishna and Ananthapur district of Andhra Pradesh has been submitted to Union Government for clearance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Union Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIDEVI LAL): (a) Revised Project Reports for supply of drinking water to fluoride affected villages in Nalgonda and Ananthapur districts of Andhra Pradesh have been submitted by the State Government to Union Government for clearance. The revised project for Krishna district is yet to be sent by the State Government.

(b) The above two projects costing Rs. 4440 lakhs and Rs. 2255 lakhs cover 172 villages and 281 hamlets, and 166 villages and 198 hamlets having population of 2.92 lakhs and 3.11 lakhs respectively. Both the projects are under technical scrutiny.

Naxalism in the Country

5588. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:
SHRI VASANT SATHE:

**SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA-
CHANDRAN:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Naxalism has again erupted as a big threat to the country's security and integrity;

(b) if so, the details of Naxalite activities during the past four months; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to effectively deal with the menace?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c). Andhra Pradesh and Bihar have witnessed a spurt of naxalite activities in recent years. While the extremists belonging to the people's War Group have been active in Andhra Pradesh and bordering districts of adjoining States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa, in Bihar activities of the naxalite groups are concentrated mainly in the districts of Palamu, Gaya, Jehanabad, Patna, Nalanda and Hazaribagh. A total of 303 incidents of violence involving left wing extremists were reported between December 1989 and March, 1990 from the four most affected States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, in which 96 people were killed.

2. Public order and police, being State subjects, are primarily the concern of the State Governments. However, the Central Governments has also been rendering all possible assistance to the State Governments in the form of additional para-military forces, provision of training facilities for State Police personnel, improved communication facilities etc. The policy of the Government is to deal firmly with the various extremist elements in the country and simultaneously step up socio-economic development in the affected areas to redress the genuine griev-