

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:170

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NAXALITE ACTIVITIES

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a spurt in Naxalite violence has occurred recently in various States like Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of violence and depredations caused by naxalite and militant outfits like People War Group since September, 1999;

(d) whether any policy concerning development programmes in States to deal with naxalite problem is under consideration;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government have launched a joint strategy to curb the naxalite menace; and (g) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K.ADVANI)

(a)to(g) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.170 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 07.03.2000 TABLE DR. MANDA JAGANNATH AND DR. RAJESWARAMMA VUKKALA REGARDING NAXALITE ACTIVITIES.

(a)to(c)Bihar,Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have witnessed some increase in leftwing extremist violence, recently. As per available reports PWG activists killed 23 persons, largely policemen, in a landmine blast on Narainpur Kutul Road/Narainpur P.S.Bastar District MP. Similarly, there have been some violent incidents of late in Andhra Pradesh as well. Since September 1999 as per available reports, there have been 334 incidents in Andhra Pradesh, 235 incident in Bihar, 42 in Madhya Pradesh and 21 and 7 in Maharashtra and Orissa respectively.

(d)&(e)In the various meetings conveyed by the Central Government to review the action taken by the concerned States to curb left wing extremist activities, States were requested to prepare Integrated Action Plans, encompassing the development as well as security aspects of the problem for the affected areas. The Action Plans received from Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa were recommended to the Planning Commission. The States have also been advised to take vigorous follow-up action.

(f)&(g)Government has set up a Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the States affected by left wing extremism, as its members, to review the steps taken to check the left wing extremist activities, monitor the plan of action in respect of each State and to make recommendations, both on development and security aspects of the problem.

The Coordination Centre has had several meetings, deliberating threadbare on all connected sensitive and relevant issues. Several important decisions such as providing financial support for combating left wing extremist activities, construction/improvement of identified critical roads, preparation of plans for development of affected areas to tackle the problem in a holistic manner, sharing of intelligence inputs on constant basis, providing help of Para Military Forces on need basis, etc., have also been taken and effectively followed-up.