

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NAXALISM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether naxalite tendencies are on the rise among the youth;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government have received proposals from various States for the development of naxalite affected youths/areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto, State-wise;
- (d) the steps taken by the government about joining the youth in the mainstream and giving employment to them; and
- (e) the extent of success achieved as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

- (a): There are no specific inputs indicating that naxalite tendencies are on the rise among the youth. However, CPML-PW and MCC (I) are reportedly trying to woo young boys and girls from poor families in tribal/rural areas to join their outfits.
- (b) to (e): The Central Government has not received any specific proposals from the LWE affected States for the development of naxalite affected youths. However, this Ministry has requested the Planning Commission to include the naxalite affected districts in the nine States under Backward Districts Initiative (BDI) Scheme so as to fill in the critical gaps in physical and social infrastructure in these areas. Besides, the Ministry of Rural Development has placed Rs. 37.50 crores per annum as special allocation to execute construction of rural roads in LWE affected areas under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) These measures, besides development, will also provide employment opportunities to the local youths.