

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:297  
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LTTE-NAXAL LINKS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news regarding LTTE-Naxal Links appearing in the Times of India dated June 11, 2000;
- (b) if so, whether the activists of PWG have been extending help to LTTE outfits by supplying arms and ammunitions to them; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check activities of PWG in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Yes sir.

(b): There are no confirmed reports to this effect.

(c): `Public Order` and `Police` are State subjects. In the circumstances, the concerned State Governments have to devise various measures and take concrete steps to curb left wing extremist activities in the States. However, keeping in view the overall dimensions which left wing extremism has assumed in some States, it has become a matter of concern for the Central Government as well. It has, therefore, set up a high level Coordination centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the seriously affected States, as its members, to review and coordinate steps taken by these States 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 been meeting periodically. Several important decisions such as providing financial support from the Centre 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.

The affected States are also being given financial assistance under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Force and 50% of the expenditure incurred by the States in combating left wing extremist activities, is also being reimbursed to the States under the Scheme for reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure.