

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INVESTMENT IN NAXAL AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to promote investment in the field of education, healthcare, skill and entrepreneurship development in naxal affected States including Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has initiated any campaign to promote investment in these States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a)&(b): The Ministry of Labour and Employment have formulated a Scheme of `Skill Development in 34 Districts Affected by Left Wing Extremism` at a total cost of Rs. 232.95 crore. The 34 districts are spread over 9 LWE affected States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The Districts of Jharkhand covered under this scheme include Chatra, West Singhbhum, Palamau, Garhwa, East Singhbhum, Bokaro, Lohardaga, Gumla, Latehar and Hazaribagh.

The Scheme is for current financial year and has the following objectives:

- (i) To create Skill Development infrastructure closer to the people by establishing one ITI and two Skill Development Centres in each district; and
- (ii) To run demand driven vocational training courses (both long term and short term to meet the requirement of skilled manpower of various sectors of the economy in and around these areas, on the one hand and on the other, provide youth opportunities of decent livelihood.

The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA) is also being implemented as India`s main programme for universalizing elementary education with the overall objective of universalizing access and retention, bridging gender and social category gaps in education, and enhancing learning levels. The SSA covers all the 9 LWE affected states.

The Integrated Action Plan being implemented in 60 Select Tribal and Backward districts in the 9 LWE affected States takes up projects for public infrastructure and services such as School Buildings, Anganwadi Centres, Primary Health Centres, Drinking Water Supply, Village Roads, Electric Lights in public places such as PHCs and Schools etc.

(c) & (d): The government believes that these and other multi-pronged socio-economic development programmes will bring about the necessary environment to attract investment in LWE affected states.