

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Operation Green Hunt
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 'Operation Green Hunt' started in 2009 for curbing Naxalite groups is still in operation;
- (b) if so, the details of the major steps taken towards further implementation of this strategy;
- (c) the concrete measures taken to expand the operations towards States other than the 'Red Corridor' (Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana);
- (d) the steps taken to tackle the problem of naxal groups with Neighbouring countries such as Nepal or Bangladesh; and
- (e) the details of the fresh political economic initiatives being planned towards eliminating naxalite operations in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (c): There is no operation by the name of 'Operation Green Hunt'. However, Security Forces have been conducting intelligence based operations against Left Wing Extremists which has resulted in reduction of violence and increased apprehensions and surrenders of armed cadres.

(d). Presently, as per available information there is no known collaboration between Left Wing Extremist groups in India and naxal groups of Nepal and Bangladesh.

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(e). The Central Government will consider engaging in talks with the Left Wing Extremists only if they renounce violence and express faith in the democratic process and Constitution of India.

As regards developmental initiatives, the Government has made development as one of the main pillars of its multi-pronged strategy to deal with Left Wing Extremism. Apart from flagship schemes of the Central Government in infrastructure, education, health, skill development, agriculture etc several initiatives have been taken specifically for development of Left Wing Extremism Affected areas. These include focused schemes for development of roads, setting up of mobile towers, skill development and financial inclusion.
