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Title: Need to deploy two additional battalions of Central Armed Police Forces in Odisha.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): The Government of Odisha has requested the Union Government to deploy two additional Battalions of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) to combat the menace of Left Wing Extremism effectively in the State. However, the Union Government has not acceded to the request of the Government of Odisha despite the fact that Maoists' attacks have increased in the State over a period of time. Recently, they attacked and damaged a railway station in Rayagada district and killed seven police personnel and injured several others in Koraput Division. Further, due to large scale deployment of CAPFs in the bordering States, the Maoists have moved from Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand to Odisha. So, the present deployment of forces in Kalahandi, Nuapada, Koraput, Malkangiri and Rayagada districts has become inadequate to handle the challenge. I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to deploy two additional Battalions of CAPFs in the State of Odisha at the earliest.