

from the Government of Maharashtra, naxalites are taking advantage of thick jungles, backward economic and social conditions of adivasis and lack of communication facilities in Gadchiroli district of the State. Following steps have been taken by the State Government to check naxalite activities :

- (a) State Reserve Police Force party deployed at various places of Gadchiroli district.
- (b) New Police Station and out-post created in the area.
- (c) Patrolling by police parties by jeeps was intensified.
- (d) A number of VHF sets have been installed in affected area.
- (e) Inter state meetings of senior Police Officers from Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa were held to discuss the problem.
- (f) Local persons of affected areas knowing Telugu, Gandia, Madia languages have been recruited as police constables.
- (g) Photographs of absconding naxalite were given to concerned officers for maintaining watch; and
- (h) Interstate liaison with bordering states is maintained by sending monthly/fortnightly review of extremist activities.

Public Sector Enterprise for Helicopters

571. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are proposing to float a public sector enterprise to acquire and maintain a fleet of helicopters for operation within the country;

(b) if so, the details of the plan;

(c) the details of the countries and helicopter manufacturing companies from where helicopters will be purchased for the purpose; and

(d) what will be the total number of helicopters in the fleet ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) :

(a) It is proposed to set up a Helicopter Corporation, with the primary objective of providing air transport support to the petroleum sector including exploration and inspection of pipelines in difficult terrains. The other objectives, inter alia, are operations in hilly terrains, tourist charters passenger transport from airports to central points in cities and relief operations during natural calamities. A committee was constituted by Government to formulate a detailed project report. The Committee has submitted its report on 15-3-1985.

(b) to (d). The plans in this behalf are yet to be formulated.

Excavation at Agroha, Haryana

572. SHRI R.P. DAS : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to State :

(a) whether Haryana Archaeology and Museums Department has restarted the excavation at Agroha; and

(b) if so, in view of its antiquity and past glory, why the Archaeological Survey of India has not come forward with a helping hand to the State to explore further this historical site with its expertise and resources ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Departments of Archaeology function outside the administrative control of the Archaeological Survey of India. In case, any specific request for assistance is received, it is favourably considered. No such request has been received from the State Department of Archaeology, Haryana.

Recommendations Made by Seminar Organised by CSMCRI, Bhavnagar

574. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Seminar was organised