

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 522**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024/ MAGHA 17, 1945 (SAKA)**

**MAOIST POSTERS IN KERALA**

**522. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether it is a fact that Maoist posters appeared in some places in the State of Kerala in recent times;**

**(b) if so, whether it is also true that a woman Maoist leader was killed in Kerala in a police encounter recently;**

**(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that Maoists from other parts of the country are moving to Kerala and the incident that happened in Kerala is an eye opener; and**

**(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken up by the Union Government in consultation with the State Government?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) & (b): Posters purportedly issued in the name of CPI/Maoist were recovered in districts Kannur and Wayanad in 2023. It was claimed in the posters that a female CPI/Maoist cadre died in an exchange of fire with Security Forces in district Kannur on November 13, 2023. However, the same has not been confirmed by the State Police.**

**(c): CPI/Maoist cadres from adjoining States are active in Kerala.**

**(d): As per Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, subjects of Police and Public Order are with the State Governments. However, the Government of India (GoI) has been supplementing the efforts of States affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE). To address the LWE problem holistically, a “National Policy and Action Plan to address LWE” was approved in 2015. It envisages a multi-pronged strategy involving security related measures, development interventions, ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities etc.**

**While on security front, the GoI has assisted the LWE affected State Governments by providing Central Armed Police Forces battalions, training, funds for modernization of State police forces, equipment & arms, sharing of intelligence, construction of Fortified Police Stations etc; on development side, apart from flagship schemes, Government of India (GoI) has taken several specific initiatives in LWE affected States, with special thrust on expansion of road network, improving telecommunication connectivity, skilling and financial inclusion.**

**As regards the State of Kerala, funds have been provided for strengthening Special Forces, Special Intelligence Branches and District Police under the Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS) for LWE areas. Further, funds are being released for reimbursement of expenditure on operations, camp infrastructure, training etc. under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme.**

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