

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR NAXALS HIT AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Bihar Government has submitted any action plan to the Union Government for the developmental activities in naxalite affected States;

(b) if so, the details of the plan under review; and the amount proposed to be sanctioned in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS.

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(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Details of the Action Plan is given in the Annexure.

(c): As per the Action Plan, an amount of Rs. 27334.39 crore has been proposed by the State Govt. for sanction in this regard for the next five years.

**ACTION PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LEFT WING EXTREMISM AFFECTED DISTRICTS IN BIHAR**

Introduction :

Left wing extremism started in Bihar approximately at the same time it started in Naxalbari in West Bengal. It had been sending out alarm signals in the form of intermittent carnages over the years. However, these signals did not result in any concerted, determined and sustained efforts to tackle the problem from its roots.

The L.W. Extremists are particularly active in the inaccessible forest and hilly- terrain of South Bihar and interior rural areas of Central Bihar. Although the problem of LW Extremism started off in 10 districts of central and south Bihar, now it has spread to 21 districts.

The acute economic disparity, social discrimination, feudal attitude of most of the land owners coupled with various other socio-economic factors obtaining in these areas have further accentuated the problem. The polarization of the rural society on economic ground is also associated with the caste factor. The various extremist organizations have taken advantage of this situation.

For several years, the State Government has been endeavoring its best, with all the available resources, to contain the problem of L.W. Extremism. Apart from launching operations from time to time, it has also been trying to address the problem of economic backwardness of the area by Central and State sector schemes of economic development and social welfare. However, compared to the total requirement of funds for area development, the available resources had been meager. Therefore, no meaningful impact could be made for long-term solution of the socio- economic factors contributing for sustenance of the L.W.E. Therefore, a comprehensive and integrated Action Plan for the overall welfare and development of the extremist affected areas has been prepared entailing an estimated expenditure of Rs. 27334.39 crores in the next five years from the year 2000-01 to 2004-05.

The Action Plan :-

An Integrated Action Plan of Rs. 27334.39 crores for economic development of 21 L.W. Extremism affected districts in Bihar has been prepared.

1. Roads and Bridges :- L.W. Extremists operate in inaccessible interior rural areas and hilly forest terrain. A very important bottleneck faced during Police operations is non-availability of rural roads connecting to all the villages. Therefore, it is proposed to construct 3000 km. of P.W. D. roads and 58200 km. of rural roads in the L.W.E. districts.

2. Rural Electrification :- Without electrification of the rural areas no sustainable economic activity like cottage, village and tiny sector industries can be planned in these areas. Therefore electrification of 21103 villages is proposed in the L.W.E. affected districts.

3. Safe drinking water :- Installation/replacement of 56220 Hand tube-wells and 9044 Drill tube-wells has been planned to provide the minimum need of safe drinking water.
4. Primary Education :- A very important reason for spread of extremism in Bihar is abysmal illiteracy. Only 37% of the population is literate. Therefore an ambitious programme for providing primary schools in every villages has been prepared.
5. Health :- Extremist affected districts have very poor health facilities. Therefore, plan for upgradation of subdivisional and district hospitals has been prepared.
6. Rural Development :- Schemes for integrated development of rural areas have to be given a thrust to make a dent into the immense poverty in these areas. Schemes for generating self-employment, rural housing, roads and bridges and watershed development have been proposed.
7. Agriculture and Allied sector :- More than 80% of the population in Bihar is sustained on Agriculture and allied sector. Increase in income of people can be achieved only by increasing productivity of agriculture. Therefore, proposal has been made for development of agriculture and horticulture, irrigation, animal husbandry and development of co-operatives in the L.W.E. affected districts.
8. Programmes for Youth :- Sports and cultural programmes focused on youth have to be organized to wean away the misguided youth from the L.W.E. outfits into the mainstream.
9. Land Reforms :- Failure of effective land reforms measures and distribution of Zamindari-surplus land is one of the important causes of agrarian tension. Therefore schemes for distribution of land to landless people have been proposed.