

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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STRENGTHENING OF PARA MILITARY FORCES  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government are exploring ways to overhaul and strengthen the Para Military Forces and State police to make them more effective;
- (b) if so, the details in this connection;
- (c) whether a task force has been recently constituted on the internal security;
- (d) if so, the details of recommendations made by the task force; and
- (e) the extent to which the overhauling of Para Military Forces is going to check the left wing extremism and drug trafficking in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ( CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): The strengthening of Para Military Forces is a continuous process. The performance of these Forces is reviewed from time to time and necessary steps are taken to improve their effectiveness. These include raising of additional Battalions, as well as upgradation of weaponry, equipment and training facilities.

The strengthening of State Police is the responsibility of the State Government. However, Central Government has been providing Financial Assistance to the State Governments under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces to improve their Police infrastructure. In case of terrorism/ extremism affected states, Government is giving funds under Recoupment of security related Expenditure scheme for strengthening the State Police apportion.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The Task Force has not yet submitted its report.

(e): The purpose of strengthening and modernisation of the Para Military Forces is to equip these forces suitably so that the Para Military Forces along with other law enforcing agencies can make all efforts to eliminate such activities.