GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:25
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2000
MILITANCY IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of violence by militants/extremists with the security forces/ civilians have increased in the North-Eastern States during the last one year and till date;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of militants, civilians and security personnel killed/injured therein; and
- (c) the new strategies being adopted to curb insurgency in the North-Eastern States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Security

Forces killed

14

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Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.25 by Shri Madhavrao Scindiaand Shri Prabhat Samantray for reply on July 25.7.2000

(a) to (c): There has been some increase in militant activities in certain States of the North East region.

The available details regarding the number of militants, civilians and security personnel killed in the North Eastern States during the year 1999 and 2000 (till July 12) are as follows:

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Sr. Head Assam Nagaland Manipur Tripura
   1999 2000 1999 2000 1999 2000 1999 2000
                        (12.7)
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1. Incidents 447
                      232
                             294
                                   129
                                         281
                                                  135
                                                         614
                                                                  472
2. Extremists
                212
                         143
                               118
                                      55
                                              78
                                                          22
Killed
       Security 77
3.
                                                 64
                                                         26
                       43
                              4
                                     4
                                                                 42
                                                                    14
 Forces Killed
     Civilians 220
                         139
                                26
                                       7
                                                    89
                                                          31
                                                                 240
                                                                       2.01
 Killed
      Head
                Meghalaya Mizoram Arunachal
                                                 Total
   1999 2000 1999 2000 1999 2000
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                    (12.7)
    (12.7) (12.7)
                                (12.7)
      Incidents
                     52
                          38 2
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                                                                 1699
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1.
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      Extremists
Killed
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206 97

Figures regarding injured are not available.

The new strategy being employed to combat militancy includes better intelligence collection, improved co-ordination and optimum deployment of security forces, setting up of special operations groups, more tactical operations with specific area of responsibility being fixed apart from deployment of Central Para Military Forces and Army, modernisation and upgradation of State Police Forces, reimbursement of security related expenditure, sanction of Special Central Assistance to the State Government, declaration of the most seriously affected areas as 'disturbed areas' under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 and notification of the major militant groups as 'Unlawful Association' under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

State Governments have also been requested to take initiative to bring the militant groups to the negotiating table.