

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:255

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NAXALISM

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any measures to tackle the naxal problem;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to foothill for deployment of para-military forces to tackle naxals in affected areas;
- (d) if so, the progress of the follow-up action taken by the States in the matter;
- (e) whether the Government are considering to grant any financial package for the development of the naxal affected areas of various States including Orissa as lack of development is said to be the main cause of naxal activities;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): The Government has adopted a three-pronged strategy to tackle the problem of naxalism. This strategy includes modernization and strengthening of the State Police forces, fortification of thanas, long-term deployment of Para-Military Forces, intensified intelligence-based well coordinated anti-naxalite operations, focussed attention on developmental aspects and removal of socio cultural alienation of people.

(c) & (d): Some of the naxal affected States have requested the Central Government for waiver of cost presently borne by them for deployment of Central Para Military Forces for anti-naxalite operations.

(e), (f) & (g): In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, the Central Government, has included 55 naxal affected districts including those in Orissa under the Backward Districts Initiative (BDI) Component of Rashtriya Vikas Sam Yojana of the Planning Commission so as to fill in critical gaps in physical and social infrastructure in these areas. The scheme provides for an additionally of Rs. 15 crores per year per district for a period of 3 years starting from 2003-04. Further, the Ministry of Rural Development; has earmarked Rs. 37.50 crores per annum as an additional allocation to execute rural roads in the naxal affected areas under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).