

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ARMY HELP TO COUNTER NAXALISM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the army is providing advice and training to counter the rapidly growing naxalism menace as reported in Times of India, dated April 21, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some States have opened counter terrorism schools with the help of Army; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): As reported in the Times of India dated the 21st April 2006, the Army is providing aid to civil authority to counter the naxalite menace. This includes training of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Jharkhand Police and Chhattisgarh Police personnel in basic tactics and various facets of counter naxal operations as well as advice on procurement of specialist counter Improvised Explosive Device (IED) equipment. The Army is also assisting the States in acquiring the services of retired Service personnel for counter naxal operations. The Chhattisgarh State has opened Counter Terrorism and Jungle Warfare College, Kanker, with the help of Army. Qualified Army Officers and Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) were attached for providing assistance in raising of the institute. This institute is headed by a retired Brigadier of the Indian Army.