

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NAXAL ACTIVITIES

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether naxal activities are increasing in the country during the last six months particularly in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of loss of lives and property due to naxal attack;
- (c) the reasons for the increase in naxal activities in the States; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to strengthen the intelligence system and curb the naxal activities in a holistic way?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : As per information available, in 2007, till 31-10-2007, there have been a total of 1285 incidents and 571 casualties, as against 1285 incidents and 610 casualties in the corresponding period of 2006.

In 2007, till 31-10-2007, there have been 983 incidents and 467 casualties in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, as against 1035 incidents and 507 casualties in these States in the corresponding period of 2006.

Regarding damage to property, the naxalites have been observed to be targeting certain types of Government buildings and infrastructure pertaining to road and rail transport and, in some cases, power transmission facilities.

State Governments undertake necessary action to combat naxalite activities, with the Central Government supplementing their efforts and resources through a range of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces to assist the State police forces, strengthening of the State police and intelligence agencies through the Modernization of State Police Forces scheme, reimbursement of security-related expenditure under the Security Related Expenditure scheme, providing training to State police forces, sharing of intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works.