GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2010 ANSWERED ON:09.03.2010 VISION STATEMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY Mishra Shri Govind Prasad

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government in its vision statements have given top priority to eradication of all threats to the internal security of the country; and

(b): if so, the extent to which the success has been achieved in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)& (b): The Vision Statement of the Ministry of Home Affairs provides that it will strive, inter-alia, to eliminate threats to internal security including militancy, insurgency and terrorism. Though 'public order' and 'police' are the responsibilities of States, article 355 of the Constitution enjoins the Union to protect every State against external aggression and internal disturbance and to ensure that the government of every State is carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. In pursuance of these obligations, the Ministry of Home Affairs continuously monitors the situation, issues appropriate advisories, extends manpower and financial support, guidance and expertise to the State Governments to counter threats to internal security.

The security situation in Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern States, in terms of incidents of violence and casualties has shown an improvement in 2009, as compared to 2008. However, in 2009, naxal violence has increased in terms of number of incidents and casualties of civilians and SFs, as compared to 2008.