

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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LAND MINES IN FOREST AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether vast stretches of forested pockets in Chhattisgarh have been massively land mined thereby endangering human lives;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to clear all the land mines in the said pocket?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAYMAKEN)

(a) to (c): The naxals have been using land mines to endanger human lives both of security personnel and civilians in the forested areas of Chhattisgarh which are invariably the most naxal affected areas of the State. State Government deals with naxal problem effectively and the Government of India supplements its efforts through various ways including the scheme of Modernisation of Police Forces to provide modern equipments of detection and destruction of land mines and Improvised Explosive Device (IED). This is further strengthened by providing Dog squads for detection of explosives.