## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3806 ANSWERED ON:17.08.2010 BRINGING NAXALITES INTO MAINSTREAM Baitha Shri Kameshwar ;Elangovan Shri T.K.S.;Kumar Shri Vishwa Mohan

## Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports that children are being used/recruited by naxal groups;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during the last three years alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether in recent meetings with the Chief Ministers and MPs of naxal affected States the issue of the bringing the extremists/naxalites into the mainstream of the society was discussed:
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to bring the extremists/naxalities into the mainstream of the society?

## **Answer**

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

(a) & (b): As per available inputs CPI (maoist) recruit young children from time to time. Such children squad are known as 'Bal Dasta' and 'Bal Sangham'.

State Governments deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States. The Central Government supplements their efforts over a wide range of schemes, both on security and development fronts.

- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The Government's offer to Left Wing extremists to abjure violence and come for talks was inter alia discussed.
- (e): In order to bring naxalites into the mainstream, the States have their own surrender and rehabilitation policies. Government of India has approved revised guidelines for surrender-cum-rehabilitation of naxalites in the naxal affected States which inter alia provides for an immediate grant of Rs. 1.5 lakh, a stipend of Rs. 2000 for three years, vocational training and incentives for surrender of weapons.