

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ACQUISITION OF SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS BY NAXALITES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received reports about the Naxalites having acquired sophisticated weapons including Rocket Launchers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to counter the new threat perception?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): As per available information Maoist have sophisticated weapons including rocket launcher. Naxalites primarily get a substantial bulk of their weapons by looting. They also get them from illicit weapons manufacturing units. Law and order being a State subject, action in this regard is taken by the concerned State Governments, which maintain close vigil and conduct Intelligence-based operations against Naxalite hideouts and illicit weapon manufacturing units. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the state governments in several ways. These include modernization and upgradation of the State Police under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces; sharing of Intelligence; facilitating inter -State coordination; and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of different Central Ministries.