

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF NAXALISM ON EDUCATION

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that the studies of the students in Naxal and Military affected States have been badly affected;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the teachers from other States are hesitating in joining the services in these States; and
- (d) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d): The Human Rights Watch has prepared a report entitled `Sabotaged Schooling - Naxalite Attacks and Police Occupation of Schools in India's Bihar and Jharkhand States`. The Report lists 34 schools in Jharkhand and 16 in Bihar which were attacked by Naxalites during 2009. The Report highlights that occupation of school buildings by security forces has a detrimental impact on children's studies and leads to larger incidence of drop out and absenteeism. The Report has been shared with the Governments of Bihar and Jharkhand to prevent the use of school premises for any purpose other than education of children.

The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has provided for focused provisioning in 35 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) districts identified in seven States by the Ministry of Home Affairs. SSA interventions include opening of new primary and upper primary schools, construction of new primary and upper primary schools, construction of additional classrooms and recruitment of teachers. An amount of Rs.302865.72 lakh has been provided for the LWE districts in 2010-11 under SSA.