

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2364
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CHILDREN IN VIOLENT ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a tendency among children to be attracted towards violence including naxal and terrorist activities;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted any empowered committee to ascertain the reasons thereof and to rehabilitate such children;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government to check such trend in young children?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (e): Available inputs indicate that the naxalities have constituted 'Bal Dastas'/'Bal Sangham'/' Bal Manch' etc. as a part of mass mobilization. The CPI (Maoist) are recruiting children from families of poor and backward segments of the society and indoctrinating them under the garb of socio-political education. This matter was brought to the notice of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) for appropriate action, which is implementing a 'Bal Bandhu Project' for protection of child rights in areas of civil unrest.