GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3117 ANSWERED ON:13.12.2011 NAXAL ACTIVITIES IN MAHARASHTRA Bhujbal Shri Sameer

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the areas of Maoist activities in Maharashtra including the areas where the Maoists are spreading their wings in the State:
- (b) the details of naxal violence reported in the said regions during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the reasons for increase;
- (c) whether there is any report regarding Maoists forming a Golden Corridor Committee to build their base in the industrial areas of Gujarat and Maharashtra;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Union Government to check the Maoist activities in these regions?

Answer

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

- (a): The CPI (Maoist) are active in Gadchiroli, Gondia and Chandrapur districts of Maharashtra and have plans to expand their movement to Nagpur, Wardha, Bhandara, Mumbai, Nasik, Pune and Yavatmal districts.
- (b): Details of Left Wing Extremist (LWE) violence in Maharashtra is given below

Year	Incidents		Deaths
2008	68	22	
2009	154	93	
2010	94	45	
2011 (up			51

There is always a marginal fluctuation in the quantum of violence between different years. Though there is an increase in violence level in the current year as compared to the corresponding period of 2010, the overall quantum of violence has registered a decline compared to 2009.

- (c) & (d): According to the available reports, CPI (Maoist) have formed a 'Golden Corridor Committee' to build its base in the industrial areas of Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- (e): 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects, action with respect to maintenance of law and order lies primarily in the domain of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government has a holistic approach towards combating LWE wherein it supplements the efforts of the State Governments over a wide range of issues including deployment of CAPF's, assistance in implementation of development schemes, improving governance and capacity building by the States in various areas. It is the belief of the Government of India that a combination of calibrated police action, focused development efforts and improvement in governance will yield the desired results against LWE.