

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:61
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INCREASING INFLUENCE OF MAOISTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports that maoist backed candidates in panchayat elections in some States have been elected unopposed:
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Available inputs suggest that some of the candidates elected unopposed in the Panchayat elections recently held in Odisha are Maoist supporters.

(c): In view of the possibility of such candidates being elected unopposed due to coercive means, the State Government of Odisha has been advised to take appropriate measures in this regard.