

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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RAISING TRIBAL BATTALION

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to raise tribal battalions and territorial army for anti-naxal operations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): At present, there is no proposal to raise 'tribal battalion' for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected states. However, recruitment of constables (General Duty) in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) is being done through Staff Selection Commission, wherein 20% vacancies in Border Guarding Forces and 40% vacancies in forces other than Border Guarding Forces are allotted to militancy affected areas, including LWE affected areas. A proposal to raise Territorial Army from Maoist affected areas is at the conceptual stage in the Ministry of Defence.