

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NAXAL PRESENCE IN TEA GARDENS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the naxalites have started to infiltrate into the tea gardens also;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the local self Help Organisations are also facilitating the naxalites;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The LWE outfits, particularly, the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist)-Liberation and Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (Kanu Sanyal Faction) have marginal influence in the tea gardens of Assam and West Bengal. The CPML-Liberation has a tea garden workers front, viz., Asom Sangrami Chah Shramik Sangham (ASCSS) which has influence in the tea gardens of Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Cachar, Sonitpur, Nowgaon, Karbi Anglong and Demaji districts. The aforementioned outfits also have some influence in the tea gardens located in the Terai region (district Darjeeling) of North Bengal. Available inputs do not indicate that the CPI(Maoist) has any influence among the tea garden workers either in the Assam, West Bengal or elsewhere. However, the CPI(Maoist) are making efforts to recruit cadres from a Tea Gardens based organization, Asom Chah Janajati Suraksha Samiti (ACJSS) in the districts of Upper Assam.

(c) & (d): No inputs are available to indicate that the local Self Help organizations are assisting the naxalites in infiltrating tea garden workers.

(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 issues necessary advisories in this regard to the State Governments from time to time to keep a watch over the situation and initiate legal action, wherever warranted.