

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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INVESTMENT IN THE NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to attract investment in the field of education, healthcare, skill and entre-preneurship development in order to raise the standard of education and medical services and to create employment opportunities in naxal affected areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Odisha?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (b): The Ministry of Labour & Employment has formulated a centrally sponsored plan scheme titled "Skill Development in 34 Districts Affected by Left Wing Extremism" to promote skill development in nine LWE affected states including Odisha. The Scheme covers 5 LWE affected districts in Odisha.

Further, under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, new schools, school buildings, additional classroomks and new teachers are provided in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts.

The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) has been under implementation since 2009-10 with the vision to make secondary education of good quality available, accessible and affordable to all young persons in the age group 15-16 years with priority given to SC, ST, minority concentration areas including LWE affected districts.

Saakshar Bharat, the new variant of National Literacy Mission was launched on 8th September, 2009 with the prime focus n adult non-literate women of rural areas. A district which has adult literacy rate of 50 percent or below, as per 2001 census, is eligible for coverage under the Saakshar

Bharat programme. However, 35 districts in the country which are most affected by LWE are eligible for coverage under the Mission irrespective of their existing literacy rate.

The Integrated Action Plan (IAP) being implemented in 82 Selected Tribal and Backward districts in the 9 LWE affected States takes up projects for public infrastructure and services such as School Buildings, Anganwadi Centres, Primary Health Centers, Drinking Water Supply, Villages Roads, Electric Lights in public places such as PHCs and Schools etc.

The Government believes that these and other multi-pronged socio-economic development porgrammes will bring about the necessary environment to attract investment LWE affected states.