

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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DEATH DUE TO IED BLASTS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of security forces personnel including from CRPF killed due to IED blasts in naxal affected regions;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to deploy the latest technologies to detect IEDs in the said regions;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the security forces deployed in anti-naxal operations are using GPS and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) to track the movement of the naxalites; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

- (a): During the current year (up to November 20), 57 security forces personnel including those from CRPF have been killed in IED blasts in LWE affected areas.
- (b) & (c): The security forces are provided modern equipments like Non Liner Junction Detector (NLJD), Global Positioning System(GPS), Explosive Detection Kit and Deep Search Mine/ Metal Detector (DSMD) for detection and destruction of land mines and Improvised Explosive Devices (IED). They also use the services of Dog squads for detection of explosives. The Government of India is constantly focusing on capacity building in this area through the scheme of Modernization of Police Forces.
- (d) & (e): Yes, Madam. While the success achieved from usage of GPS in tracking movement of naxalites cannot be quantified, it is too early to make an assessment on the effectiveness of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) deployed in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas.