

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NAXAL ACTIVITIES

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the loss of lives of civilians and security forces and loss of property due to naxal violence alongwith the number of naxalites arrested and killed during the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the districts affected by naxal violence and number of bandh called by naxals during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the assistance given to naxal affected States for development of security related infrastructure, setting up of anti-guerilla warfare training schools and the utilisation of allocated funds, State-wise during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether a conference on naxalism of the Chief Ministers of naxal affected States was held recently in New Delhi;
- (e) if so, the details of the issues discussed, outcome thereof and the strategy decided to tackle naxalism; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to tackle the rising naxal menace?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.68 FOR 24.11.2009 REGARDING "NAXAL ACTIVITIES".

(a) to (f): In 2009 (upto October 31), 1817 incidents of violence resulting in 742 casualties including 455 casualties of civilians and 287 security forces were reported from naxal affected States. In the same period, 170 naxals were neutralised and 1619 naxals were arrested (Annex 1). The total number of economic infrastructure, including railway properties, telephone exchange towers, power transmission lines, mining, panchayat bhawans, school buildings and roads that were targeted was 252.

There were 136 bandh calls by Left Wing Extremist Groups [Andhra Pradesh (12), Bihar (21), Chhattisgarh (40), Jharkhand (23), Madhya Pradesh (1), Maharashtra (4), Orissa (16), Uttar Pradesh (1) and West Bengal(18) so far.

On the basis of naxalite violence profile, 83 districts in 9 naxal affected States have been included under the Security Related Expenditure Scheme which is meant for reimbursing such expenditure incurred for anti-naxal operations by the States. A State-wise list of the districts is at Annex 2.

Affected States have been carrying out operations against the naxals within the States and joint operations along Inter-State boundaries. Government of India assists their efforts inter alia by providing Central Para Military Forces. Presently, 59 battalions of Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs) have been provided to 9 naxal affected States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal for anti-naxal operations. Two CoBRA battalions (Commando Battalions for Resolute Action) specially trained in jungle warfare have been raised in CRPF, with key location points for one battalion each at Jagdalpur in Chhattisgarh and Koraput in Orissa during 2008-09. Further, 37 India Reserve(IR) Battalions have been sanctioned to naxal affected States, out of which 24 battalions have been raised by the States. Release/allocation of funds under the schemes of Security Related Expenditure, Modernisation of State Police Forces and Special Infrastructure is at Annex 3.

A meeting of Chief Ministers of seven naxal affected States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Orissa and West Bengal was held on 17.08.2009. There was consensus to launch coordinated anti-naxal operations and to focus on developmental activities.

The CPI (Maoist), which is the major Left Wing Extremist organisation responsible for most of the incidents and casualties of naxal violence, has been included in the schedule of terrorist organisations along with all its formations and front organisations on 22-05-2009, under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.