GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1980 ANSWERED ON:01.12.2009 INTELLIGENCE NETWORK IN NAXAL AREAS Namdhari Shri Inder Singh

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government proposes to set up a new intelligence network to tackle the problem of naxalism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to set up such network in Bihar and Jharkhand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): As part of an ongoing exercise several steps have been taken to strengthen and upgrade the capabilities of intelligence agencies both at the Central level and the State level, as well as to enhance information sharing and operational coordination between the Central agencies and the State Governments. The Multi-Agency Centre in the Intelligence Bureau has been strengthened and reorganized to enable it to function on 24X7 basis. An executive order has been issued on 31.12.2008 under which Multi-Agency Centre (MAC), has been obliged to share intelligence with all other agencies, including agencies of the State Governments, Union Territories Likewise, all other agencies have been obliged to share intelligence with MAC. Representatives of the Member Agencies of the MAC meet regularly to undertake threat assessment.