

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3618  
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SHORTAGE OF POLICE PERSONNEL  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a number of States in the country are facing huge shortage of police personnel/forces to fight the naxals in their States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof?
- (c) whether the Union Government has received requests from the State Governments for providing infrastructure to fight against the naxals in their respective States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): It is a fact that there are large number of vacancies in the sanctioned strength of Police Forces of some Left wing extremism (LWE) affected States. The Ministry of Home Affairs constantly monitors the vacancy situation during review meetings with the States concerned. The Central Government also supplements the efforts of the State Governments in several ways, inter-alia, including deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) to assist the State Police Forces in dealing with the Maoist insurgency. At present, a total of 81 Bns of CAPFs and 01 India Reserve Naga Bn are deployed for assisting the State Police in the Left wing extremism affected States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The Government of India keeps the situation in all the LWE affected States under constant review and as per the requirements projected by the affected States and the availability, additional CAPF Bns are inducted to assist the State Police Forces in Anti-naxal operations.

The Central Government also provides assistance to the affected States in capacity building through schemes like the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme, the Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS) in Left Wing Extremism affected States and the Scheme for Construction/ Strengthening of 400 Fortified Police Stations in LWE affected districts. The Central Government has also assisted the States in setting up Counter Insurgency and Anti-Terrorist (CIAT) Schools and raising India Reserve (IR) Bns. Helicopters are also provided for certain tasks to these States.

In a nutshell, the Central Government is providing all necessary assistance to the LWE affected states to tackle the problem in a determined manner.