

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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RECRUITMENT OF SURRENDERED NAXALITES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to recruit the surrendered naxal youths in the security forces so as to bring them into the mainstream of the society;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to set up first Territorial Army battalion comprising of tribal youths from the naxal affected areas of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): At present, there is no such proposal. However, recruitment of constables (General Duty) in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) is being done through Staff Selection Commission, wherein 20% vacancies in Border Guarding Forces and 40% vacancies in forces other than Border Guarding Forces are allotted to militancy affected areas including LWE affected areas.

(c) to (d): As such there is no proposal to raise Territorial Army in the LWE affected areas in the country. However, there was a proposal to raise a unit of Territorial Army on the concept of Home and Hearth to increase the footprints of the Army. The decision to raise this unit of Territorial Army was to enroll people from the LWE affected areas to wean them away from extremism and not as a deployment measure in the affected areas.