

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF ANTI NAXAL FORCE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has given its approval to raise anti-naxal special forces in four States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total funds sanctioned for establishing these forces;
- (d) whether setting up of such force in Andhra Pradesh has shown encouraging results; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government has approved continuation of the Scheme for Special Infrastructure in LWE affected States (SIS) during the XII Plan period with an added objective of funding training infrastructure, residential infrastructure, weaponry, vehicles and any other related items pertaining to the upgradation and filling of critical gaps for Special Forces of LWE affected States to exclusively deal with Left Wing Extremism. The focus of funding during this period will be on this new objective for the 4 worst affected States of Bihar, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha and to a lesser extent for Andhra Pradesh. The approved cost of the Scheme during the XII Plan period is Rs. 373 crore comprising Rs. 280 crore as Central Share and Rs. 93 Crore as State share on a revised 75 (Central Share): 25 (State share) funding pattern.

(d) & (e): An elite counter-insurgency force named "Greyhounds" set up in Andhra Pradesh in the year 1989, has been very useful in containing the naxalite problem in the state. The Greyhounds have been trained in counter-insurgency operations and Jungle warfare and are being deployed for conducting anti-naxalite operation in remote and inaccessible areas where armed units of CPI (Maoist) party are operating. Over the years, they have busted a number of training camps/meetings of naxalities in the deep forests and neutralized armed units of CPI (Maoist). As a result of intensified anti-naxalite operations being conducted by these forces in the affected areas, the naxalite problem in the state of Andhra Pradesh is under effective check.