

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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POLICE STATIONS IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up additional police stations in the naxal affected areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of such police stations likely to be set up in Odisha's naxal region and the extent to which it is likely to be beneficial in controlling naxal menace in the region?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): In order to strengthen the Police Station network in the LWE affected states, the Ministry of Home Affairs has been implementing a Scheme for 'Construction/ strengthening of Fortified Police Stations'. Under this Scheme, construction of 400 fortified police stations would be undertaken in the naxal affected states at a cost of Rs. 2.00 crore per Police Station. The Government of India would bear 80% of the cost of each police station.

(c): Under this Scheme, 70 Police Stations are proposed to be constructed in Odisha. The Police Station is the basic unit of policing. Increasing the network of police stations in the LWE affected areas is an important aspect of counter-LWE strategy. In order to strengthen security apparatus in the LWE affected areas, it is imperative to construct new police stations in these areas and make them fully functional in all respects. This would be beneficial in controlling the Naxal problem.