

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2837  
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NAXALITE ATTACK ON JAGDALPUR DOORDARSHAN KENDRA  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that during May, 2013 there was a naxalite attack on Jagdalpur Doordarshan Kendra in which three jawans were killed;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any inquiry of the security arrangements and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the intelligence machinery has failed to provide prior information in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the reasons behind the failure?

**Answer**

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

(a): The CPI(Maoist) cadres attacked the Doordarshan Relay Transmission Centre at village Marenga, PS Parpa, Bastar, Chhattisgarh on 12.05.2013 in which 03 Police personnel of Chhattisgarh Armed Force (CAF) were killed. However, there was no damage to Doordarshan Kendra.

(b): a case Crime No. 86/13 under Sections 147, 148, 149, 302, 307 of IPC, 25, 27 of Arms Act, 23, 38(2), 39(2) of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 has been registered and the case is under investigation.

(c) & (d): an analysis of recent naxal attacks discloses that the attacks could succeed mainly due to failure of adherence to basic policing tactics and practices by some of the State police forces. In the LWE theatre, there are certain standard practices by the naxals, which can be easily anticipated and counter measures put in place by the Security Forces. For example, the CPI(Maoist) target and kill mainstream political personalities, attack vital Government installations etc. Similarly, they will kill Security Forces and loot their weapons as part of their professed guerilla tactic. The Security Forces need to be alert in naxal affected areas even when elaborate intelligence inputs are not available. The conditioning of the security forces should be such that counter-measures against such attacks should be built into normal policing functions. However, as evident in some of the recent attacks, there was a failure to anticipate events and put counter-measures in place.