

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY OF POLITICAL WORKERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued an advisory to all left wing extremism affected States asking them to revamp the security provided to political workers and appoint nodal officers to coordinate political programmes to avoid attack by Maoists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are reports of threat of naxal attacks in the urban areas of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the status of the investigation made in the naxal attack in the Jiram Ghati area of Chhattisgarh?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Following the incident of naxal attack in Jiram Ghati, Bastar, Chhattisgarh on 25.5.2013, in which political leaders, workers and innocent civilians were indiscriminately killed by the CPI(Maoist), the Ministry of Home Affairs had issued an advisory on 27.5.2013 to all the LWE affected States, advising that a Nodal Officer be appointed at the Police Headquarters to coordinate the programmes of all political parties including the security arrangements with a view to facilitate mainstream political activities and security of political personalities.

(c) & (d): No inputs are available to suggest threat of Maoist attacks in the urban areas. However, the banned CPI(Maoist) party, has been making efforts to expand its activities in urban areas through overground front organizations. Members of such overground front organizations, masquerade as 'activists' espousing causes which mainly complements and supplements the activities of underground cadres in direct and indirect ways. The front organizations provide safe hideouts to armed cadres and also facilitate procurement of supplies etc. to Maoist war machinery. They also initiate legal action on various issues to slow down the enforcement regime. They are also adept at dissemination of propaganda and disinformation to demonize the state and security forces.

The strategy of CPI (Maoist) for urban areas is documented in a paper titled 'Urban Perspective'. Briefly stated, the strategy for urban areas of the country includes mobilization and organization of the working classes, building a united front of classes similarly placed to the working classes and military tactics involving sabotage actions and select assassinations by 'action teams'.

The CPI (Maoist) have a plan of action which integrates their activities into a Pan- India framework. However, till now, they have failed to make any significant headway in the urban areas of India primarily on account of the revulsion of the urban population towards mindless violence, torture, beheadings and other atrocities perpetrated by them on civilian population and Security Forces in their strongholds in Central India.

The activities of CPI(Maoist) and its front organizations in urban areas are closely monitored and suitable action, wherever warranted, is taken by the Government.

(e): The case is under investigation.