

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NAXAL VIOLENCE IN BIHAR
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of more incidents of naxal violence in the State of Bihar in comparison to other Left Wing Extremism affected States;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported along with the number of security personnel and civilians injured/killed during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the amount of financial assistance released and utilised under Security Related Expenditure, Special Infrastructure Scheme and Integrated Action Plan during the said period; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government in co-ordination with the State Governments to deal with naxalism?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) & (b): In terms of levels of LWE violence in the current year, Bihar is the third worst LWE affected State after Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. The State-wise details of incidents of LWE violence, civilians killed and security forces killed during last three year and in the current year (up to 11th July, 2014) are given at Annex 1. The details of civilians injured and SFs injured is not maintained.

(c): The state-wise details of funds released and utilized under the Special Infrastructure Scheme and Integrated Action Plan during last three years and in the current year are given at Annex 2. The Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme, being reimbursable in nature, the expenditure is first incurred by the State Governments, which is reimbursed by the Central Government.

(d): The Central Government has a four pronged strategy to tackle LWE insurgency - Security Related Measures; Development Related Measures; Ensuring Rights & Entitlements of Local Communities and Public Perception Management, wherein it supplements the efforts of the State Governments over a wide range of schemes and measures.

In security related interventions, apart from directly deploying Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), the Government of India provides assistance for capacity building of the states through schemes like the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme, the Special Infrastructure Scheme(SIS), the Construction/ Strengthening of Fortified Police Stations Scheme etc. In addition, other security related interventions include providing helicopters to States, setting up of Counter Insurgency and Anti Terrorism (CIAT) schools, assistance to raise India Reserve Battalions (IRB), modernization and upgradation of the State Police and their Intelligence apparatus under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF scheme) etc.

On the development front, the Central Government is implementing special schemes for LWE affected areas like the Additional Central Assistance (ACA) Scheme (in place of old Integrated Action Plan), the Road Requirement Plan-I (RRP-I) etc.

To ensure Rights & Entitlements of local communities, the Central Government has enacted the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 to recognise and vest the forest rights and occupation in forest land in forest dwelling scheduled tribes and other traditional forest dwellers, who have been residing in such forests for generations, but whose rights could not be recorded. The Rules were notified on 01.01.2008 have been further amended on 06.09.2012 to ensure better implementation. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs have also issued comprehensive guidelines on 12.07.2012 on issues relating to implementation of the Act.

Under Public Perception Management, the Central Government is implementing the Media Plan to convey the Government's view to the people of LWE affected areas through the Media.

It is the belief of the Government of India that a combination of calibrated police action, focused development efforts and improvement in governance are the effective instrumentalities to combat LWE insurgency in the long-term.