

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:918

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Naxal Activities

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of increasing Naxal activities in Odisha due to incursions from outside the State, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to deploy additional battalions of CAPF at the Odisha-Chhattisgarh border to contain the growing spread of naxal activities and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government plans to waive the CRPF deployment cost of the State to combat left wing extremism; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
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(a): As per available inputs, inter-state movement of CPI (Maoist) has been noticed in Odisha from the bordering areas of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh. In order to gain a foothold in Odisha, the CPI (Maoist) are making efforts to extend its area of influence

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in certain parts of the state. The LWE violence level in the state has been declining from 2011 onwards. However, in the current year (upto 15th February, 2016), 24 incidents of LWE violence took place with 07 resultant deaths as compared to 14 incidents of LWE violence with 04 resultant deaths in the corresponding period of 2015.

The Central Government has been pursuing a four pronged strategy to tackle LWE insurgency – security related measures; development related interventions; ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities and public perception management. While on security front, the Central Government assists the State Governments by providing Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) battalions, training, funds for modernization of State police force, equipment and arms, sharing of intelligence etc., on development side, the Central Government has taken various measures including construction of roads, strengthening of communications networks, installation of mobile towers, improving network of banks, post offices, health and education facilities in LWE areas.

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(b): At present, 8 battalions of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), 8 battalions of Border Security Force (BSF) and 1 battalion & 1 coy of Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) are deployed in Odisha for assisting the state police in anti-LWE operations. Due to over-stretched deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) in the country, presently, there is no proposal for providing additional battalion of CAPFs to Odisha. Moreover, the deployment of CAPFs in LWE affected states is a dynamic process. Additional battalions of CAPFs are provided to the LWE affected states depending upon the LWE scenario in the state, availability of the forces, request of the state government and other ground realities.

(c) & (d): At present, there is no proposal to waive the cost on account of deployment of CRPF in the LWE affected states.
