

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INVESTMENT IN NAXAL AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to promote investment in naxal affected States including Jharkhand in the area of education, healthcare, skill and entrepreneurship development; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Labour and Employment has formulated a scheme titled "Skill Development in 34 Districts Affected by Left Wing Extremism" to promote skill development in nine LWE affected States including Jharkhand. The Scheme covers 10 LWE affected districts in Jharkhand. Further, the Ministry of Rural Development has launched an initiative called Roshni in June, 2013 for placement linked skill development of rural youth of poor families in 27 LWE affected districts in 9 States. The Scheme covers six districts in Jharkhand.

Further, under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, new schools, school buildings, additional classrooms and new teachers are provided in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts.

The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) has been under implementation since 2009-10 with the vision to make secondary education of good quality available, accessible and affordable to all young persons in the age group 15-16 years with priority given to SC, ST minority concentration areas including LWE affected districts.

Saakshar Bharat, the new variant of National Literacy Mission was launched on 08.09.2009 with the prime focus on adult non-literate women of rural areas. A district which has adult literacy rate of 50 percent or below, as per 2001 census, is eligible for coverage under the Saakshar Bharat programme. However, 35 districts in the country which are most affected by LWE are eligible for coverage under the Mission irrespective of their existing literacy rate.

The Scheme "Additional Central Assistance for LWE affected Districts" (earlier called Integrated Action Plan) being implemented in 88 districts in the 10 LWE affected States takes up projects for public infrastructure and services such as School Buildings, Anganwadi Centers, Primary Health Centers, Drinking Water Supply, Village Roads, Electric Lights in public places such as PHCs and Schools etc. The Scheme covers 17 LWE affected districts of Jharkhand.

The Government believes that these and other multi-pronged socio-economic development programmes will bring about the necessary environment to attract investment in LWE affected States.