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Title: Need to expedite allocation of funds to naxalite affected states for their socio-economic development.

SHRI NARESH PUGLIA (CHANDRAPUR): Sir, the Union Government had long back convened a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa, which are affected by left wing extremism. In the meeting, it was *inter alia* agreed that there must be a greater thrust on socio-economic development to cater to the needs of the poorer segments of the population and redressal of people's grievances. These States submitted their Integrated Action Plans, encompassing development as well as security aspects in the naxalite affected areas and the Union Government recommended to the Planning Commission for earmarking separate funds for the purpose and extend financial assistance to these States.

The Government of Maharashtra had prepared an Integrated Action Plan for Rs. 1,676 crore and submitted it to the Union Government and sought 50 per cent assistance of Rs. 838 crore from the Central Government.

Therefore, I urge upon the Union Government to take a serious view of the situation arising out of left wing extremism and see that there is no delay on the part of the Planning Commission in extending financial assistance to these States.