

Title : Statement regarding Naxalite attack at the Home Guard Training Centre, Giridih, Jharkhand on 11.11.2005.

(vii) Naxalite attack that took place at the Home Guard Training Centre, Giridih,

Jharkhand on 11.11.2005

* THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): On behalf of Shri Shivraj V. Patil, I beg to lay on the Table a statement regarding the naxalite attack that took place at the Home Guard Training Centre, Giridih, Jharkhand on 11.11.2005.

* Laid on the the Table and also placed in Library. See No. LT 2872/2005

2. As informed by the State Government, on the 11th of this month at about 1720 hrs. nearly 150 naxalites attacked the district Home Guard Training Centre in Giridih town. The attack was so sudden, swift and camouflaged that the sentry could not react and was overpowered. The naxalites killed three Home Guards and one outsider on the spot and looted 183 guns (31- 4DP rifles, 91 - .4 Mark rifles, 10 - .22 rifles, 51 - .303 rifles), 2 revolvers and about 2500 rounds of ammunition. Prior to the attack at the district Home Guard Training Centre, the naxalites had blocked the other important roads in the town leading to the Training Centre by planting landmines/keeping mines/IEDs in tractors on the road side. Simultaneously, the naxalites blasted a tractor on the Giridih - Jamua road, about 300 yards from the Home Guard Training Centre. The naxalites after looting the weapons, fired randomly at the nearby ongoing Goshala Mela which led to a stampede in the Mela and death of one civilian. They also ambushed a police party on the Giridih-Dumri bypass road killing one Jharkhand Armed Police Constable. The naxalites after the attack fled toward Parasnath, Jhoomra Hills and Ganwa Jungles situated on the border of Jamui district in Bihar.

3. Altogether, 8 persons (4 Home Guards, 2 JAP and 2 civilians) were killed and 9 other (6 Home Guards and 3 civilians) were injured during these attacks.

4. The State Government has reported that they had inputs on naxals attacking the Police Pickets/Police Stations/Police Establishments in Giridih district and the district Police were informed about it. However, the Home Guard Training Centre located in the heart of the town was not considered to be the target.

5. The State Government has launched massive cordon-search and combing operations under the leadership of Zonal IG, Bokaro and Zonal IG, Ranchi in Giridih and other adjoining districts of Koderma, Hazaribagh and Dhandbad. As per the latest reports, in the post-event operations, 3 naxalites have been neutralized in an encounter and 7 other apprehended in Hazaribagh and other districts. The vehicles used by the naxalites along with the drivers have been taken into custody. Interrogation of apprehended naxalites and the suspected villagers is in progress.

6. The State Government has put all district officials on high alert and they have been asked to review and strengthen the security arrangements of the arms and ammunition establishments and also the jails.

7. The Central Government is in constant touch with the State Government and is monitoring the situation on a regular basis. 5 battalions of CRPF are deployed on anti-naxalite duty in Jharkhand. The State Government has been advised to launch a massive manhunt so as to nab the naxalites and recover the weapons and ammunition looted by the naxalites from the Home Guard Training Centre.

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