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Title: Need to check naxalism in Warangal district of Andhra Pradesh and include it in the Left Wing Extremism affected districts identified by the Government.

SHRI RAJIAH SIRICILLA (WARANGAL): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding the need to include Warangal district under Left Wing Extremism Affected Districts from the current year itself.

In the past and as well as in the present also there have been several incidents of naxal extremism in my Warangal Parliamentary Constituency in Andhra Pradesh. As we also know that the Warangal District is predominantly known as breeding point and shelter zone for extremists. I appreciate that the Government of India, in order to overcome Naxal Menace in the country has set up a taskforce on left wing extremism and has identified 33 Naxal affected districts in the country. But the Task force has identified Khammam District of Andhra Pradesh and left Warangal District. Warangal district is adjacent to Chhattisgarh and Khammam District of Andhra Pradesh. The river Godavari is a natural barrier separating Chhattisgarh from Khammam and Warangal district of Andhra Pradesh. I came to know that the places of occurrence of incidences were only taken as criteria for selection of district as extremism affected. But adopting such parameter is not true. Here we must understand that the extremists never wants to disturb their shelters. Because of their shelter, development could not take place in the Warangal region properly despite having sufficient rail links connecting the Southern and Northern parts of India and opportunities of tourism also.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs, to kindly intervene in the matter to ensure that Warangal District of Andhra Pradesh is included in the Left Wing Extremism affected districts by changing the parameters to suit the present conditions from the current year itself.