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Title: Need to combat Maoist problem.

**PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM):** The Maoist movement is the biggest internal security threat to the country. Large areas of Chhattisgarh, especially the districts of Dantewada, Bijapur are under the control of Maoists. Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra and some districts of Madhya Pradesh and Koraput district of Odisha are also affected. The strength of the Maoists was again proved when 10 commandos of COBRA of the CPRF were killed in a fierce battle with the Maoists. This happened recently in forest range of Sondaha between the traditional Maoists infested Gaya and Aurangabad Districts. Most of the jawans died in explosions of improvised explosive devices (IED). This was the first major incident in Aurangabad district after April 2014. It shows that Maoists are concentrating on Aurangabad which shares borders with Chatra and Daltonganj in Jharkhand which are also Maoist infested areas.

West Bengal is the only state which has been able to combat the Maoist problem in a peaceful way. Now, Home Ministry should take immediate steps to coordinate with the police forces of the Maoist affected states.