

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *389**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23RD MARCH, 2021/ CHAITRA 2, 1943 (SAKA)

LWE AFFECTED DISTRICTS

***389. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the measures being taken by the Government to reduce the incidence of LWE in the country;

(c) the development works being carried out in the districts that have recently been relieved of the status of LWE affected districts;

(d) whether the Government has formulated special assistance programme, schemes or integrated action plan for the districts which were affected by Left Wing Extremism; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the financial and other assistance provided to the said districts, State-wise including Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. *389 FOR 23.03.2021

(i) As per Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, subjects of Police and Public Order are with the State Governments. However, the Government of India (GoI) has been supplementing the efforts of States affected by left wing extremism. A National Policy and Action Plan was promulgated in 2015 to address Left Wing Extremism (LWE). It envisages a multi-pronged strategy involving security related measures, development interventions, ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities etc. While on security front, the Central Government assists the LWE affected State Government by providing Central Armed Police Forces battalions, training, funds for modernization of State police forces, equipment & arms, sharing of intelligence, construction of Fortified Police Stations etc; on development side, the Central Government has taken various measures including construction of roads, installation of mobile towers, improving network of banks, post offices, skill development and education facilities in the LWE areas.

(ii) The GoI is providing funds for capacity building of the LWE affected States, under various scheme like Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme, Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS), to fight the LWE menace

effectively. Under these schemes funds are provided state-wise on reimbursement claims submitted by the States on expenditure incurred for operational purposes and capacity building in LWE affected districts which also include Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh, a district covered under the SRE Scheme. The funds provided to States in last 03 years and current financial year are given in Annexure-I.

(iii) To give further impetus to development in the most LWE affected districts, funds are provided to the States under 'Special Central Assistance (SCA)' to fill the critical gaps in public infrastructure and services. Presently 30 districts across 7 States are covered under the scheme. The scheme was approved in 2017 and Rs.2541.24 crore has been released to the States till date. The list of the 30 districts presently covered under the scheme is at Annexure-II.

(iv) On development front, apart from flagship schemes of Government of India (GoI) has taken several specific initiatives in LWE affected States, to improve road connectivity, Telecommunication network and financial inclusion as below:

- i. Construction of 5422 km roads is envisaged under Road Requirement Plan-I. Of these 4970 km roads are constructed. Of these 2046 km road has been constructed after April-2014.**

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- ii. The Road Connectivity Project for LWE Affected Areas (RCPLWEA) was approved in December-2016. Under the scheme 9268 km roads have been sanctioned. Of these 3060 km are completed.**
- iii. To improve telecommunication connectivity, 2335 mobile towers are installed in phase-I of the Mobile Tower Project. Further Gol has approved installation of 4072 mobile towers in phase-II of the Mobile Tower Project in May-2018.**
- iv. For financial inclusion of the local populace in these areas, 1170 Bank Branches, 959 ATMs and 12628 Banking Correspondents in 30 Most LWE Affected Districts in last 05 years.**

(v) The steadfast implementation of the policy has resulted in consistent decline in violence. The incidents of LWE violence have reduced by 70% from all time high of 2258 in 2009 to 665 in 2020. Similarly resultant deaths (Civilians + Security Forces) have reduced by 82% from all time high of 1005 in 2010 to 183 in 2020. The geographical spread of LWE violence has also constricted. The districts reporting violence are reduced from 76 (2013) to 53 (2020). The year wise number of districts reporting LWE related violence for the last 03 years are as under:-

2018	2019	2020
60	61	53

FUNDS RELEASED TO STATES UNDER SRE (LWE) SCHEME, SIS AND SCA**1. Security Related Expenditure (SRE/LWE) Scheme**

(Rs. In crore)

FUND RELEASED STATUS				
State	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Andhra Pradesh	21.04	11.60	37.23	8.96
Bihar	30.63	14.14	17.70	14.23
Chhattisgarh	92.75	54.53	120.81	140.61
Jharkhand	93.37	64.54	123.52	56.32
Kerala	-	2.94	2.83	-
Madhya Pradesh	2.90	1.94	1.23	0.83
Maharashtra	31.86	13.12	21.11	21.25
Odisha	125.82	12.72	12.81	8.80
Telangana	17.22	6.26	16.12	9.00
Uttar Pradesh	7.29	7.15	4.45	3.22
West Bengal	22.12	11.07	9.44	3.73
Grand Total	445.00	200.00	367.26	266.95

2. Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS)

(Rs. In crore)

S.No.	State	FY 2017-18	FY 2019-20
1	Andhra Pradesh	3.00	9.83
2	Bihar	8.00	12.38
3	Chhattisgarh	13.00	23.63
4	Jharkhand	14.00	24.66
5	Kerala	-	0.90
6	Madhya Pradesh	2.90	0.71
7	Maharashtra	3.00	7.50
8	Odisha	6.00	11.61
9	Telangana	3.00	10.12
10.	Uttar Pradesh	-	1.35
Grand Total		50.00	102.67

3. Special Central Assistance (SCA) for Most LWE Affected Districts

(Rs. In crore)

State	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Andhra Pradesh	5.00	33.33	20.00	14.25
Bihar	30.00	133.33	133.32	80.00
Chhattisgarh	40.00	266.67	266.64	71.25
Jharkhand	80.00	433.33	433.29	199.00
Maharashtra	5.00	33.33	20.00	0.00
Odisha	10.00	66.67	66.66	14.25
Telangana	5.00	33.34	33.33	14.25
Total	175.00	1000.00	973.24	393.00

List of Most affected LWE districts

S. No.	State	Number of Districts	Name of Districts
1.	Andhra Pradesh	01	Vishakhapatnam
2.	Bihar	04	Aurangabad
			Gaya
			Jamui
			Lakhisarai
3.	Chhattisgarh	08	Bijapur
			Sukma
			Bastar
			Dantewada
			Kanker
			Narayanpur
			Rajnandgaon
			Kondagaon
4.	Jharkhand	13	Giridih
			Gumla
			Khunti
			Latehar
			Lohardaga
			Simdega
			Bokaro
			Chatra
			Ranchi
			Garhwa
			Hazaribagh
			Palamu
			West Singhbhum
5.	Maharashtra	01	Gadchiroli
6.	Odisha	02	Koraput
			Malkangiri
7.	Telangana	01	Bhadradi-Kothagudem
Total		30	
