

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWERED ON
UNESCO REPORT ON NAXAL ATTACKS .

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government has examined the UNESCO report figuring India among four countries that has seen a marked increase in systematic attack on schools, students and teachers between 2006 and 2009 by naxals;
- (b) whether the study found India among other 18 countries where children were forcibly or voluntarily recruited from schools, or en route to or from schools by armed groups for combat operations;
- (c) whether according to this report, nearly 300 schools were blown up by naxals between 2006 and 2009; and
- (d) whether Government has also examined Human Rights Watch, 2008 Report, titled Dangerous Duty: Children and the Chhattisgarh Conflict?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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(a) to (d):As per available inputs, report from Human Rights Watch titled 'Sabotaged Schooling: Naxalite attacks and Police Occupation of Schools in India's Bihar & Jharkhand States, lists 34 schools in Jharkhand and 16 in Bihar which were damaged by the Naxalites. State Governments have been directed to ensure expeditious repair/reconstruction of the damaged school buildings and greater involvement of the community in the management of the school to provide an effective and enduring protection of the schools.

Naxalites attacked 198 school buildings between 2006 and 2009 in the States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Maharashtra and Orissa.

Inputs indicate that the CIP (Maoist) in the States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa recruit young children from time to time. In Bihar and Jharkhand, these children are enrolled in 'Bal Dasta' and in Chhattisgarh and Orissa, the children's squad is known as 'Bal Sangham'.