

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1033**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2018/AGRAHAYANA 28, 1940 (SAKA)**

**LWE A THREAT TO INTERNAL SECURITY**

**1033. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:**

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

**(a) whether it is a fact that the menace of Left Wing Extremism (LWE) is the single internal security threat that affects the large number of States in the country;**

**(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and**

**(c) what are Government's policies to develop the regions affected by LWE?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

**(a) to (c) As a result of steadfast implementation of National Policy and Action Plan, Left Wing Extremism (LWE) scenario has been improving consistently over the years. The geographical spread has also reduced considerably. However, it continues to remain an internal security challenge for the country.**

**The Government of India has been continuously trying to address the underlying causes of the problem. The Government has adopted a holistic approach wherein it supplements the efforts of the State Governments over a wide range of measures. This includes security related measures, developmental interventions and ensuring rights & entitlements of local communities etc. Besides flagship schemes of the Central Government covering various sectors, several initiatives have been taken for development of roads, installation of mobile towers, skill development, improving network of banks and post offices, health and education facilities etc.**

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