

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 871**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022/ AGRAHAYANA 23, 1944  
(SAKA)**

**DECLINE IN LWE**

**871. SHRI RAKESH SINHA:**

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

**(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steady decline in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) related violence;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof; and**

**(c) the details of the interventions made by Government to curb LWE?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) & (b) To address Left Wing Extremism (LWE) menace holistically, Government of India (GoI) approved 'National Policy and Action Plan to address LWE' in 2015. This policy envisaged a multi-pronged strategy involving security related measures, development interventions, ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities, etc.**

**Steadfast implementation of this policy has resulted in consistent decline in violence in LWE affected areas. Incidents of LWE violence have reduced by 77% from high of 2213 in 2010 to 509 in 2021. Similarly, resultant deaths (Civilians + Security Forces) have reduced by 85% from**

high of 1005 in 2010 to 147 in 2021. Geographical spread of violence has also significantly reduced and only 191 Police Stations of 46 districts reported LWE related violence in 2021 as compared to high of 465 Police Stations of 96 districts in 2010.

Decline in geographical spread is also reflected in the reduced number of districts covered under Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme. The number of SRE districts reduced from 126 to 90 in April 2018 and further to 70 in July 2021. Similarly, the number of districts contributing approximately 90% of the LWE violence, categorised as Most LWE Affected Districts, came down to 30 from 35 in 2018 and further to 25 in 2021.

(c) On security front, Gol supports the LWE affected States by providing Central Armed Police Forces, helicopters, training, funds for modernisation of State police forces, arms and equipment, intelligence sharing etc. Under Special Infrastructure Scheme approved in 2017, total projects worth Rs 971 crore have been approved which includes Rs 371 crore for strengthening of Special Forces and Special Intelligence Branches and Rs 620 crore for 250 Fortified Police Stations in vulnerable LWE affected areas. With this, 503 Fortified Police Stations have been constructed till date and 147 additional Fortified Police Stations approved in vulnerable LWE affected areas. Under SRE scheme, Rs. 2566 crore has been released to States since 2014-15.

**On development front, more than 11600 km roads have been constructed in specific schemes for LWE affected areas, in addition to the roads constructed in other flagship schemes of Gol. 2343 mobile towers have been installed and work order issued for another 2542. Rs 3105 crore has been released to the Most LWE Affected Districts under 'Special Central Assistance (SCA)' scheme to fill critical gaps in public infrastructure and services. 47 Industrial Training Institute and 68 Skill Development Centers have been approved under "Skill Development Scheme in 47 Districts affected by LWE".**

**For financial inclusion, 1258 Bank Branches, 1348 ATMs and 22202 Banking Correspondents have been established in Most LWE Affected Districts and 4903 Post Offices have been opened in 90 LWE affected districts in the last seven years.**

**Apart from the specific schemes for LWE affected areas, Ministry of Home Affairs works in close coordination with other Ministries for optimum implementation of the flagship schemes of those Ministries in LWE affected areas.**

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