

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 694**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 08TH FEBRUARY, 2023/ MAGHA 19, 1944 (SAKA)

NAXALISM IN THE COUNTRY

694 # SHRI BRIJLAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Naxal-affected villages which have been freed from the influence of Naxalism/Naxalites during the last five years, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the steps taken or being taken to provide schools, electrification and other basic facilities in said villages freed from Naxalism; and

(c) the extent to which the incidents of Naxalism have decreased in the country during the last five years and the extent to which Government has been successful in curbing the same?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): 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 (LWE). To address the LWE menace holistically, a National Policy and Action Plan to address LWE was approved in 2015. It envisages a multi-pronged strategy involving security related measures, development interventions, ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities etc.

Apart from flagship schemes, Government of India (GoI) has taken several specific initiatives in LWE affected States, with special thrust on expansion of road network, improving telecommunication connectivity, skilling and financial inclusion:

- a. Construction of 17462 km roads is approved for LWE affected areas. Of these 11811 km roads have been constructed.**
- b. To improve telecom connectivity, 2343 mobile towers are installed in phase-I of the Mobile Tower Project, which are being upgraded to 4G. Under phase-II of the Mobile Tower Project 2542 Mobile Towers are under installation.**
- c. For financial inclusion of the local populace in these areas 1258 Bank Branches, 1348 ATMs and 22202 Banking Correspondents in 30 Most LWE Affected Districts and 4903 new Post Offices in 90 districts have been made functional during last 08 years.**
- d. For skill development 43 ITIs and 38 Skill Development Centres (SDCs) have been made functional in LWE affected districts.**
- e. For quality education in tribal blocks of LWE affected districts 245 Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) have been sanctioned in 90 LWE affected districts, of which 121 are functional**

To give further impetus for 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. Rs.3130 crore has been released to the States since 2017-18 under the scheme. The scheme aims at strengthening the infrastructure in most LWE affected areas and the districts of concern.

The steadfast implementation of the policy has resulted in consistent decline in violence. The LWE related violence incidents have reduced by 76% from the number of incidents in 2010, while resultant deaths (Civilians + Security Forces) have reduced by 90% from all time high of 1005 in 2010 to 98 in 2022. The year wise data of LWE related violence incidents of last 05 years is as under:

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 #
Incidents	833	670	665	509	413* 118 **
Deaths of Civilians & Security Forces	240	202	183	147	98

*** Incidents perpetrated by Left Wing Extremists**

**** initiated by Security Forces**

From 2022 the data is maintained separately for number of incidents perpetrated by Left Wing Extremists & incidents initiated by Security Forces.

The village wise data of LWE related violence incidents is not maintained.

However, the information in terms of districts and Police Stations reporting LWE related violence incidents is as under:

- a. The districts reporting LWE related violence incidents reduced from 96 (2010) to 45 (2022).**
- b. The number of Police Stations reporting LWE related violence incidents also reduced from 465 in 2010 to 176 in 2022.**
- c. The Districts/Police Stations reporting LWE related violence incidents in last 5 years:**

Geographical Unit	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Districts	60	61	53	46	45
Police Stations	251	241	226	191	176
