

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†947**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND NOVEMBER, 2016/AGRAHAYANA 1, 1938
(SAKA)**

SEPARATE ARMED FORCE

†947. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for creation of a Separate Armed Force for executing developmental works unabated in naxalism affected States including Chhattisgarh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): There is no fresh proposal. However, during 2011-14, the Government of India has sanctioned raising of 10 Specialized India Reserve Battalions (SIRBs) in the LWE affected States namely, Bihar (01), Chhattisgarh (02), Jharkhand (02), Madhya Pradesh (01), Odisha (03) and West Bengal (01). The SIRBs, comprising 05 Security Companies and 02 Engineers Companies, will help the State Governments to carry out developmental works like, construction of roads, schools, primary health centers etc.
