

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *230**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 01ST AUGUST, 2017 / SHRAVANA 10, 1939 (SAKA)

EXPANSION OF MAOIST REGION

***230. SHRI HUKUM SINGH:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Maoists have been attempting to create an entirely new zone of operations along the western border of the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Maoists are expanding their region in districts of such States as Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh as compared to their earlier region in forested pockets and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to win over villagers on various issues such as land, differential pricing of bamboo in different States and demonetisation?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION
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(a) to (c). Change of tactics, in areas of operation and tactics is a constant and on-going effort of insurgent groups such as Left Wing Extremists. No significant change in the pattern of frequency or geography of violence or activity has however been reported from States such as Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh in the recent past.

(d). The Government remains in constant touch with the people through public representatives, the democratic system and the administrative machinery to keep them informed with regard to decisions of the Government.
