

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 831**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JULY, 2023/ SRAVANA 3, 1945 (SAKA)

NAXALITE INCIDENTS

831. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to prevent naxalite organisations from recruiting children; and

(b) the number of naxalite related incidents and

deaths that happened in the country between 2004 to 2014 and from 2014 to till date separately?

ANSWER

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

(a) As per Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, subjects of Police and Public Order are with the State Governments. However, to address Left Wing Extremism (LWE) menace holistically, Government of India (GoI) approved 'National Policy and Action Plan to address LWE' in 2015 envisaging 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 LWE related violence and it's geographical spread.

Gol has enacted the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (JJ Act) for children in distress situation including children in conflict with law (CCL) and children in need of care and protection (CNCP). As per provisions of JJ Act, a child who is victim of or affected by any armed conflict, civil unrest or natural calamity, is included as a “child in need of care and protection”, among others. The act mandated a safety net of service delivery structures including institutional and non institutional care mechanisms, to ensure the best interest of children.

As per the JJ Act, any non-state, self-styled militant group or outfit declared as such by the Gol, if recruits or uses any child for any purpose, shall be liable for criminal prosecution.

Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a centrally sponsored Child Protection Services (CPS) scheme, for supporting the States/Union Territories (UTs) in providing a framework for care and protection of children in distress conditions. Under the scheme, institutional care is available for CNCP and CCL, including provisions for boarding, lodging and holistic development of children. The scheme also

provides for non-institutional care wherein support is extended for adoption, foster care and sponsorship. The primary responsibility of implementation of the scheme rests with the States/UTs.

(b) During the period from 2004 to 2014 there were 17,679 LWE related incidents and 6,984 deaths. During the period from 2014 to 2023 (till 15 June 23) there have been 7,649 LWE related incidents and 2,020 deaths. Year-wise details are annexed.

A comparison of various statistics of LWE violence over last nine years (May 2014 to April 2023) with preceding nine years (May 2005 to April 2014) indicates a significant improvement in the LWE scenario in the country. The incidents of LWE related violence reduced by 52% from 14,862 to 7130 and the total number of deaths reduced by 69% from 6035 to 1868 in the said period.

The figures are a reflection of the efficacy of operations being conducted by the Security Forces and the capacity building measures undertaken by the Ministry of Home Affairs. At the same time, the developmental outreach by Government of India has seen an increasingly large number of LWE cadres shunning the path of violence and returning to the mainstream.

LWE Related Incidents and Deaths From 2004 To 2023 (Till 15 June 23)

Year/Parameter	Incidents	Deaths
2004	1533	566
2005	1608	677
2006	1509	678
2007	1565	696
2008	1591	721
2009	2258	908
2010	2213	1005
2011	1760	611
2012	1415	415
2013	1136	397
2014	1091	310
2015	1089	230
2016	1048	278
2017	908	263
2018	833	240
2019	670	202
2020	665	183
2021	509	147
2022	413* 118**	98
2023 (till 15 June 23)	250* 55**	69

* Incidents perpetrated by Left Wing Extremists

** Incidents initiated by Security Forces

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