

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 344**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 04TH FEBRUARY, 2020/MAGHA 15, 1941 (SAKA)

TALKS WITH MAOISTS

344. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has not made any effort to have a talk with the Maoists since the last peace talks in 2004;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during the last three four years, there has been a rapid change in the attitude of the Maoists in different parts of the country and they are now open for a dialogue;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to initiate a process of peace talks with them which may help to shun the violence; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) to (e) The Central Government is open to talks with the Left Wing Extremist groups if they renounce violence and agree to abide by the Constitution of India.

As no Left Wing Extremist group has shown willingness for this, no talks have been held with any group during the last few years.
