

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *105**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH JULY, 2021/ SRAVANA 5, 1943 (SAKA)

USE OF CHILDREN BY NAXAL GROUPS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidence of use/recruitment of children by naxal groups has come to the notice of the Government during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has implemented any schemes/programmes for rehabilitation of such children;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the various other steps taken by the Government to bring extremists/naxalites to mainstream of the society?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NUMBER *105 FOR 27.07.2021

(a) to (b): There have been some reports of CPI(Maoist) inducting children in their outfit in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, using them for cooking, carrying daily use materials and collecting information regarding movement of Security Forces. They are also imparted military training.

As per Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, subjects of Police and Public Order are with the State Governments. Therefore, State Governments take legal action in such matters.

(c) to (d): Central Govt. 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 Central Government, 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/ 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, inter alia. 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 State/ UTs.

(e): To encourage Left Wing Extremists to join the mainstream, States have their own surrender cum Rehabilitation policies. The Central Government also supports the States in the endeavour through 'Surrender-cum-Rehabilitation' Policy as part of Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme. The rehabilitation package inter-alia, includes an immediate grant of Rs. 5 lakhs for higher ranked LWE cadres and Rs.2.5 lakhs for other LWE cadre surrenderees. In addition, incentives for surrender of weapons/ ammunition are also provided under the Scheme. The Gol reimburses the expenditure incurred by the LWE affected States on rehabilitation of surrenderees under the SRE Scheme. In addition provision also exists for imparting training in trade/ vocation of their liking with monthly stipend of Rs. 6000/- for three years