GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 433

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30th NOVEMBER, 2021/AGRAHAYANA 9,1943 (SAKA)

NAXALS ENCOUNTER IN MAHARASHTRA

433. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH: SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Naxals were killed in an encounter in Gadchiroli district, Maharashtra recently, if so, the details thereof during the last five years and the current year, till date and the reasons therefor, State wise;

(b) the number of naxals/police killed, injured in such encounters State-wise;

(c) the number of fake encounters reported/along with the action taken thereon; and

(d) the corrective steps being taken by the Government to stop such fake encounters?

ANSWER

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

(a)& (b): 27 Left Wing Extremists (LWEs), including Milind Teltumbde, Member,

Central Committee of CPI (Maoist), were killed in an exchange of fire (EoF)with Police under the jurisdiction of Police Station Korchi, district Gadchiroli, Maharashtra on 13.11.2021. Following the EoF, the Police recovered 29 weapons, including AK-47 Rifle-06, Underbarrel Grenade Launcher-01, SLR

Rifle-09, INSAS Rifle-01, and .303 Rifle-03.

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The number of LWEs killed during the exchange of fire with security forces and security forces killed, injured during the last 05 years and the current year, State-wise, is given at Annexure I.

(c)& (d):No case of fake encounter in the LWE affected States has been reported.

A strong constitutional and legal mechanism exists, which include National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and State Human Rights Commission (SHRC), to prevent and deal with the case of fake encounter. NHRC has issued guidelines for conducting magisterial enquiries in case of death of a person in police action. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has also laid down a detailed procedure to be followed in investigation of a case of death of a person during police encounter for thorough, effective and independent investigation. These mechanisms and rulings are in addition to the provisions given in the criminal laws for registration and fair investigation of an offence.

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Annexure-I

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Security Forces martyred/injured and LWEs killed from 2016 to 15.11.2021

		Security Forces martyred							
S.No.	State	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (Upto15.11.2021)		
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0		
2	Bihar	11	0	1	1	0	0		
3	Chhattisgarh	11	16	10	4	22	24		
4	Jharkhand	2	2	3	2	1	1		
5	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6	Maharashtra	0	1	0	0	2	0		
7	Odisha	1	0	0	1	2	0		
8	Telangana	0	0	0	0	0	0		
9	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0		
10	Kerala	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	25	19	14	8	27	25		

		LWEs Killed							
S.No.	State	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (Upto15.11.2021		
1	Andhra Pradesh	3	2	0	7	0	6		
2	Bihar	12	7	2	7	5	6		
3	Chhattisgarh	135	75	125	78	42	37		
4	Jharkhand	20	12	26	26	13	5		
5	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	2	3	3		
6	Maharashtra	9	17	52	8	9	49		
7	Odisha	40	8	19	8	17	6		
8	Telangana	0	9	1	2	10	1		
9	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0		
10	Kerala	2	0	0	5	1	0		
	Total	221	130	225	143	100	113		

		Security Forces injured						
S.No.	State	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (Upto15.11.2021	
1	Andhra Pradesh	1	0	1	1	1	0	
2	Bihar	8	0	4	1	2	0	
3	Chhattisgarh	98	78	117	36	85	72	
4	Jharkhand	16	14	11	25	6	8	
5	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6	Maharashtra	21	40	15	15	9	10	
7	Odisha	1	21	3	4	4	3	
8	Telangana	0	0	1	0	1	0	
9	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10	Kerala	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	145	153	152	82	108	93	