GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1073

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 08TH FEBRUARY, 2022/ MAGHA 19, 1943 (SAKA)
NAXAL/LEFT WING EXTREMISM

1073. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been increase/decrease in Naxal/Left Wing Extremism (LWE) and Khalistani Separatist activities in several States of the country during the Covid Lockdown;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases reported and the loss of lives and property damaged thereunder, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is working on a plan to put an end to Naxal/Left Wing Extremism (LWE) and Khalistani Separatist activities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a)& (b):Left Wing Extremism (LWE) related violence in the country has declined by 77% from all time high of 2258 incidents in 2009 to 509 in 2021. Similarly, resultant deaths (Civilians + Security Forces) have declined by 85% from all time high of 1005 in 2010 to 147 in 2021. In the last two years the incidents of LWE violence and the resultant deaths have come down by 24% and 27%, respectively.

Details of State-wise LWE violence incidents and property damaged during the last three years is at Annexure-I & II.

As regards the Khalistani separatist activities, in the year 2019, 07 terror/radical modules were busted in Punjab as against 15 such modules in 2020 and 25 modules in 2021. No loss of property was reported during the period. However, 02 persons died in Punjab during 2019 in Khalistani related terror incidents, as against 03 persons in 2020 and 03 persons (01 victim and 02 perpetrators) in 2021.

(c) & (d) As per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, subjects of 'Police and Public Order' are with the State Governments. However, the Government of India (GoI) has been taking a series of measures to address the LWE and separatist activities in the country.

Central Government is implementing National Policy and Action Plan 2015 to address the LWE menace. The Policy consists of a multi-pronged approach comprising security measures, development initiatives and ensuring rights & entitlements of local communities.

Further, the Central Government provides funds to the State Government for strengthening of the state police forces and agencies. It has also taken several steps to enhance internal security apparatus of the country such as augmenting the strength and capability of the security forces and agencies, increasing their operational efficiency, and providing them the state of the art technology. It has also strengthened the legal and institutional framework to combat the extremist

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and separatist by amending The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 1967, National Investigation Agency Act 2008, etc. and other such measures.

Moreover, the Law Enforcement Agencies and security forces keep a track of the real time developments on the Khalistani separatists' front in order to tackle the challenge.

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ANNEXURE-I

State-wise extent of LWE violence during 2019 to 2021

State	2019		202	0	2021		
	Incidents	Deaths	Incidents	Deaths	Incidents	Deaths	
Andhra Pradesh	18	5	12	4	11	1	
Bihar	62	17	26	8	26	7	
Chhattisgarh	263	77	315	111	255	101	
Jharkhand	200	54	199	39	130	26	
M.P.	5	2	16	2	19	3	
Maharashtra	66	34	30	8	31	6	
Odisha	45	11	50	9	32	3	
Telangana	8	2	15	2	5	0	
Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	
West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Kerala	3	0	2	0	0	0	
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	670	202	665	183	509	147	

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ANNEXURE-II

INCIDENTS OF ECONOMIC TARGETS BY LWEs ALL OVER THE COUNTRY FOR THE PERIOD FROM 2019 to 2021

State			2019		2020		2021	
				Total		Total		Total
Economic Targets	Andhra Pradesh	Uranium Mines	0		0	5	0	4
		Essar steel	1	11	0		0	
	Chhattisgarh	NMDC	1		0		1	
		Essar pipe lines	2		0		1	
		GraminSadakNirmanYojana	1		4		2	
	Odisha	GraminSadakNirmanYojana	3		1		0	
	Maharashtra	GraminSadakNirmanYojana	2		0		0	
	Jharkhand	GraminSadakNirmalYojana	1		0		0	
Railway	Andhra Pradesh		0	1	0	4	0	8
	Chhattisgarh		1		4		5	
	Jharkhand		0		0		3	
Telephone exchange/ Tower	Andhra Pradesh		0	3	0	2	0	4
	Bihar		0		0		1	
	Chhattisgarh		3		2		3	
Mining	Odisha		0	0	0	1	0	2
	Jharkhand		0		1		1	
	Chhattisgarh		0		0		1	
PanchayatBhawan	Chhattisgarh		0	3	0	- 1	0	1
	Jharkhand		1		0		0	
	Bihar		0		1		1	
	Odisha		2		0		0	
School Building	Chhattisgarh		0	4	0	1	0	0
	Bihar		1	1 1		'	0	J
Forest road, culverts etc.			45	45	33	33	23	23
	TOTAL		64	64	47	47	42	42