GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *130

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH JULY, 2022/ SRAVANA 4, 1944 (SAKA)

LWE AFFECTED DISTRICTS

*130. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH: SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts have gone down after 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the incidents of violence have also gone down since 2015 and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of assistance provided by the Government to LWE affected districts since 2014 especially in Aurangabad and Gaya districts of Bihar, year-wise; and
- (e) whether the magnitude of assistance has gone down during the last few years and if so, the details thereof?

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 IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION *130 FOR 26/07/2022 REGARDING "LWE AFFECTED DISTRICTS"

(a) to (c) Yes Sir, the districts reporting Left Wing Extremism (LWE) violence has come down from 70 in 2014 to 46 in 2021. Incidents of LWE violence have also significantly reduced from 1091 in 2014 to 509 incidents in 2021.

(d) & (e) Since 2014, there has been a substantial increase in the magnitude of assistance provided to LWE affected states by the Government of India under various schemes of MHA and specific schemes for LWE areas of the other line ministries. Approximately Rs 6578 Crore was released under various MHA schemes from FY 2014-15 to FY 2021-22 as compared to Rs 2181 Crore released from FY 2006-07 to FY 2013-14 for LWE management. Details of assistance through specific schemes for LWE affected areas and funds release by MHA are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

Assistance Through Specific Schemes For LWE Affected Areas

The Government of India provides assistance for capacity building of LWE affected States through various schemes of MHA and other line Ministries. Brief details of this assistance provided through various schemes is mentioned below.

- 1. <u>Security Related Expenditure Scheme</u>. Under the Security Related Expenditure Scheme, Rs 2302 Crore has been provided to the State Governments since 2014-15.
- 2. **Special Infrastructure Scheme**. Under Special Infrastructure Scheme, projects worth Rs. 991.04 Crore have been approved from 2017-21 for upgradation and strengthening of Special Forces, Special Intelligence Branches and for construction of 250 Fortified Police Stations (FPSs) in LWE affected areas. Further under the 400 FPSs Scheme, 334 have been constructed after 2014.
- 3. <u>Special Central Assistance Scheme for the Most LWE Affected</u>
 <u>Districts</u>. In this scheme, Rs 3085.74 Crore has been released to the States.
- 4. Road Requirement Plan-I (RRP-I). In this scheme, 2134 km have been completed post May 2014. In Gaya, 205 km road and in Aurangabad, 116 km road has been completed under this scheme.
- 5. Road Connectivity Project for LWE affected Areas (RCPLWEA). In this scheme, 12,082 km with an estimated cost of Rs 11,780 Crore has been sanctioned. 6,274 km has been completed. 196 km in Gaya and 237 km in Aurangabad districts of Bihar has been completed.
- 6. Skill Development Scheme in 47 LWE Affected Districts. 30 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and 61 Skill Development Centers (SDCs) have been completed under this scheme. Post May 2014, 08 ITIs and 06 SDCs have been completed. For Gaya and Aurangabad, 01 ITI and 02 SDCs each have been made under this scheme.

- 7. Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) and Jawahar Nava Vidyalava (JNV). 32 KVs and 09 JNVs have been opened in LWE affected districts. Construction of 02 JNVs and 02 KVs for Gaya and 01 JNV and 02 KVs for Aurangabad district in Bihar has also been completed.
- 8. **Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS)**. 207 EMRSs have been sanctioned for LWE affected areas.
- 9. <u>Mobile Connectivity Project in LWE Affected Districts</u>. 2343 mobile towers installed with an expenditure of Rs.4080.78 Crore. 59 Mobile Towers have already been installed in Gaya and approval for 01 Mobile Tower has been issued. In Aurangabad, 58 Mobile Towers have been installed. In another scheme "Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) Supported Scheme for Mobile Connectivity in Uncovered Aspirational Districts" 4312 Mobile Towers have also been approved for 37 LWE affected districts in 2021. Under USOF Scheme, 26 Mobile Towers have been approved for Gaya and 01 for Aurangabad.
- 10. <u>Financial Inclusion</u>. 1258 Bank Branches and 1348 ATMs have been installed in Most LWE Affected Districts. Further, 4903 new Post Offices were opened in LWE affected districts. 26 Post Offices were opened in Aurangabad and 31 in Gaya. Alongside 38 Bank Branches and 8 ATMs were started in Aurangabad and 66 Bank Branches and 32 ATMs were opened in Gaya.

Details of Funds Released For Bihar Under MHA Schemes (Rs in crore)

Schemes*	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22
Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme	18.99	17.99	13.87	30.63	14.14	17.70	14.23	11.71
Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS)	4.05	-@	-@	8.00	-	12.38	-	12.35
Special Central Assistance (SCA)** Scheme	-	-	-	30	133.33	133.32	80	60

^{*} Funds are released district wise only in SCA Scheme. In other schemes funds are released state wise.

<u>Details of Funds Released For Aurangabad and Gaya Disrtricts Under SCA Scheme</u> (Rs in Crore)

District	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021- 22
Aurangabad	5	33.33	33.33	20	-
Gaya	5	33.33	33.33	20	20

^{**} Scheme started in FY 2017-18

[@] Scheme was not functional in these years