

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2355**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 2024/ AGRAHAYANA 19, 1946
(SAKA)**

REDUCTION IN LWE VIOLENCE

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any reduction in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) violence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to reduce LWE violence during the last five years?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): Yes Sir, resolute implementation of the 'National Policy and Action Plan to Address Left Wing Extremism (LWE)' both by the Centre and the States has resulted in a consistent decline in LWE both in terms of geographical spread and violence.

LWE related violence has reduced by 73% in 2023 in comparison to the high levels of 2010. Resultant deaths (Civilians + Security Forces) have also reduced by 86% during the same period. In the current year

(upto 15.11.2024), there has been a further reduction of 25% in LWE perpetrated incidents of violence as compared to the corresponding period of 2023.

There has also been a progressive decline in the number of districts affected by LWE. In view of the consistently improving situation, three review of LWE affected districts have been undertaken in the last six years with reduction from 126 to 90 districts in April 2018, further to 70 in July 2021 and then to 38 in April 2024.

(c): To address the LWE problem holistically, a “National Policy and Action Plan to address LWE” was approved in 2015. It envisages a multi-prolonged strategy involving security related measures, development interventions, ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities etc. While on security front, the Government of India (GoI) assists the LWE affected States by providing Central Armed Police battalions, training & funds for modernization of State police forces, equipment & arms, sharing of intelligence, construction of Fortified Police Stations etc; on development side, apart from flagship schemes, GoI has taken several specific initiatives in LWE affected States, with special thrust on expansion of road network, improving telecommunication connectivity, skilling and financial inclusion.

During the last 05 years between 2019-20 to 2023-24, Rs. 4350.78 crore have been released for capacity building of the LWE affected states under the Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS), Security Related Expenditure (SRE) and Special Central Assistance (SCA) schemes. Further, Rs. 560.22 crore have been given to Central Agencies during the last 05 years (2019-20 to 2023-24) for helicopters and addressing critical infrastructure in security camps in LWE affected areas, under Assistance to Central Agencies for LWE Management (ACALWEM) Scheme.

On development front, specific initiatives have been taken which include :

- For expansion of road network, 14469 km roads have been constructed so far in LWE affected areas.**
- To improve telecom connectivity, 6567 towers have been commissioned.**
- For financial inclusion of the local population in the LWE affected districts, 5731 Post Offices have been opened. Further, 1007 Bank Branches and 937 ATMs have been opened in 30 Most LWE Affected Districts.**
- For skill development, 46 ITIs and 49 Skill Development Centers (SDCs) have been made functional in LWE affected districts.**

- **For imparting quality education of tribals in LWE affected districts, 178 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) have been made functional in LWE affected districts.**

Under Civic Action Programme, Central Armed Police Forces (CRPF, BSF, SSB and ITBP) deployed in LWE affected areas undertake various civic activities for welfare of the local people and to wean away the youth from the influence of the Maoists.

Tribal Youth Exchange Programs (TYEPs) are being organized through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) for outreaching tribal youth of LWE affected districts.
