GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2535 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH MAY, 2016/VAISAKHA 20, 1938 (SAKA)

INVESTMENT IN NAXAL AFFECTED STATES

2535. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to promote investment in naxal affected States in the areas of education, healthcare, skill and entrepreneurship development; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a): Yes Madam. The Government of India has been implementing various schemes in the LWE affected States relating to education, healthcare and skill development.

(b): In the field of education, the Government has been implementing schemes like, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiskha Abhiyan (RMSA), Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA), etc besides, opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in the LWE affected States. RMSA provides schools for imparting quality and affordable education to the youths at secondary

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level while SSA provides schools with residential facilities for all youths and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGVBs) for girls students to ensure quality elementary education at upper primary level.

Public Health being a State subject, the Government of India supplements efforts of the State Governments to strengthen their healthcare system and setting up of the Public Health Centers (PHCs) under the National Health Mission (NHM). All the LWE affected districts having composite health index below 50% are categorized as High Priority Districts (HPDs) and other districts as Special Focus Districts, which are eligible for higher per capita funding, enhanced monitoring and focused supportive supervision.

The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has been implementing two schemes, namely: 'Skill Development in 34 Districts affected by Left Wing Extremism' and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in LWE affected States. The Skill Development Scheme envisages, 01 ITI, 02 Skill Development Centers (SDCs) and Skill Training

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of 160 youth in each of the 34 LWE affected districts of 9 States. Rs. 123.64 crores have been released to the States concerned under the scheme. PMKVY is being implemented in 29 most LWE affected districts to enable and mobilize a large number of youth to take up skill training and get employment to earn their livelihood.

Further, the Ministry of Rural Development has also been implementing a placement linked skill development scheme, namely: 'ROSHNI' since 2013 for providing skill training to the poor rural youth in 27 LWE affected districts of 9 States.

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