

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.336**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH JULY, 2016/ASHADHA 28, 1938 (SAKA)

NAXAL SYMPATHISERS

336. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that despite encounters and stiff police action, naxals are attracting young recruits in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that it has become difficult for the police personnel to identify naxal sympathisers in villages despite their best efforts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

(a) to (d): No, Madam. The recruitment of youth by Left Wing extremists has decreased in the recent years. The improved security situation and developmental initiatives have weaned away rural youth from the LWE fold. 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects, the State Governments are identifying and keeping watch on naxal sympathizers.
