

CURBING NAXALISM

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The Left Wing Extremists perpetrate violence and kill innocent civilians and Security Forces as they believe in violence as the means to capture State power. In past few decades, this has resulted in spiraling cycle of violence in some parts of the country.

The poor and marginalized sections of the society especially the tribals have borne the brunt of this violence as majority of civilians killed by Left Wing Extremists are tribals, often branded as 'Police Informers' before being brutally tortured and killed. Ironically, it is the same tribals and the economically underprivileged sections, whose cause the Maoists claim to espouse have been the biggest victims of the so called 'protected peoples war' of the Left Wing Extremists against the Indian State. The LWE affected areas are marred by dual challenges of a vicious circle of backwardness and the security concerns arising out of LWE influence. Poverty, low levels of literacy, poor health standards, lack of infrastructure and connectivity are all manifestations of LWE violence.

1. As per 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 supplementing the efforts of States affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE). To address the LWE menace holistically, a "National Policy and Action Plan to address LWE" was approved in 2015. It envisages a multi-pronged strategy involving security related measures, development interventions, ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities etc.

1. On security front, the GoI assists the LWE affected State Government by providing Central Armed Police Forces battalions and sanctioning of India Reserve Battalions, helicopter support, strengthening of camp infrastructure, training, funds for modernization of State police forces, equipment & arms, sharing of intelligence, construction of Fortified Police Stations etc.

- Since 2014-15,

For capacity building of states, Rs.3364.32 crore have been released to LWE affected states, for operational expenditure of forces, expenditure incurred on training State Police Forces, rehabilitation of surrendered LWE cadre, ex-gratia to families of civilians killed in LWE violence/martyred security force personnel etc. under Security Related Expenditure (SRE) scheme. Works of Rs. 1740 crore have been sanctioned to LWE affected states for strengthening of State's Special Forces, State Intelligence

Branches (SIBs), District Police and construction of Fortified Police Stations (FPS) under Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS).

- 621 Fortified Police Stations have been constructed in LWE affected states, of which 543 have been constructed since 2014.

1. The efforts of the States for equipping and modernizing their police forces have been supplemented under the scheme of "Assistance to States & UTs for Modernization of Police". Under the scheme, central assistance is provided to the State Governments for weapons, equipment for Information Technology, Communication, Training, construction of Police stations, mobility and construction of police housing and other police infrastructure etc.

1. On development front, apart from the flagship schemes of Government of India (GoI), several LWE affected areas specific initiatives have been taken with special thrust on expansion of road network, improving telecommunication connectivity, education, skill development and financial inclusion. A few of these are enumerated below:
 - For expansion of road network, 14,928 km have been constructed under 02 LWE specific schemes namely Road Requirement Plan (RRP) and Road Connectivity Project for LWE Affected Areas (RCPLWEA). For improving telecom connectivity in LWE affected areas 8,640 towers have been commissioned. For Skill Development, 46 Industrial Training Institute (ITI) and 49 Skill Development Centres (SDC) have been opened. For quality education in tribal areas 179 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) have been made functional. For financial inclusion, Department of Posts has opened 5899 Post Offices with banking services in LWE affected districts. 1007 Bank Branches & 937 ATMs have been opened in Most LWE affected districts. For further impetus to development, funds are provided for filling critical gaps in public infrastructure in Most LWE affected Districts under Special Central Assistance (SCA) scheme. Till now, Rs. 3,769.44 crore have been released since the inception of Scheme in 2017. State-wise developmental achievements in LWE affected areas since 2014 are attached as Annexure.
1. The resolute implementation of the National Policy and Action Plan 2015 has resulted in consistent decline in violence and constriction of geographical spread. LWE which has been a serious challenge to the internal security of the nation has been significantly curbed in the recent times and has been constricted to only a few pockets. The LWE related violence incidents and resultant deaths of civilians & Security Forces, have come down from high of 2010 by 81% and 85% respectively in 2024. There has also been a sharp decline in LWE affected districts from 126 in 2013 to 18 districts in April 2025.

ANNEXURE

DEVELOPMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN LWE AFFECTED STATES SINCE 2014

STA TE	R O A D CONSTR UCTED (IN KM)	MOBILE TOWERS COMMIS SIONED	EMRSS SANCT IONED	I T I FUNCTI ONAL	S D C FUNCTI ONAL	POS T OFF ICE S	B A N K I N TOUCH POIN IN MOST LV A F F E C T I DISTRICTS		
							BANK BRAN CHES	ATMs	B C ES DE
AP	1184	1507	22	01	-	320	-	30	257
BH	1868	363	03	08	-	264	171	38	787
CG	3535	1420	36	09	14	1382	297	268	504
JH	2600	1589	73	16	20	1240	349	352	213
KER	-	83	01	-	-	-	-	-	-
MP	244	162	08	01	02	568	-	-	-
MH	720	600	07	02	-	845	82	25	704
OD	792	2421	59	06	10	541	66	93	148
TEL	566	319	11	-	02	514	150	131	113
UP	503	78	-	01	01	224	-	-	-

WB	-	98	-	01	-	01	-	-	-
T O T AL	12012	8640	220	45	49	5899	1115	937	37,8

This was stated by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs Shri Nityanand Rai in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha.

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