GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2572.

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th MARCH, 2013/PHALGUNA 29, 1934 (SAKA)

NAXALITES/MAOISTS ACTIVITIES IN NORTH-EAST STATES

2572. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the anti-national activities of Naxalites/Maoists in some of the Districts of North East (NE) States are open threat to our internal security;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the State-wise number of districts identified to be worst affected; and
- (c) what steps are being taken to tackle the dangerous situation and its outcome?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Assam-Arunachal border has emerged as another theatre of Maoist activities. The CPI(Maoist) are trying to establish organizational bases in the North East with a view to forge relations with other insurgent groups to meet its military requirements. While Maoist violence have been reported in 2012 in Dhemaji and Tinsukia districts of Assam, Maoist influence have been noticed in Dibrugarh, Sonitpur and Chirang districts. The movement of the Maoists have also been reported in Lohit and lower Dibang valley districts of Arunachal Pradesh. The Upper Assam Leading Committee (UALC) of the CPI(Maoist) is operating in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh and have been involved in incidents of looting of weapons and extortion from local villagers. The UALC is also engaged in recruitment and training of cadres for the outfit in Assam. The forays of CPI(Maoist) into the sensitive North-Eastern States are fraught with serious strategic implications, since potential trans-border it has possibilities.
- (c): The Government of India has alerted the concerned State Governments of the North-East in this regard. The Government is also monitoring the situation closely and sends advisories, as and when required, based on intelligence inputs.
