GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1921
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 2014/AGRAHAYANA 19, 1936 (SAKA)

IR BATTALIONS IN STATES

1921. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise present number of India Reserve Battalions (IRBs) with the States including Odisha;

(b) whether Government has received any requests for raising fresh IRBs which will give a huge boost for the States battling left wing extremism;

(c) if so, the State-wise details thereof including Odisha and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether Government has consulted all the stakeholders including the Finance Ministry in this regard and if so, the views expressed by them; and

(e) the State-wise present status of each request and the funds earmarked/sanctioned for the purpose?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRTY OF HOME AFFIARS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a): At present there are 144 India Reserve Battalions (IRBs). State-wise details of IRBs sanctioned & raised are given at Annexure-I.

(b) to (e): Requests have been received from various States for sanction of new India Reserve Battalions. This include request for 11 India Reserve Battalions from the LWE affected States as detailed below :-

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Sl No.	Name of the State	Requests for sanction of IR Battalions
1.	Chhattisgarh	02
2.	Karnataka	02
3.	Maharashtra	02
4.	Orissa	03
5.	Madhya Pradesh	02
	Total	11

A note for Cabinet Committee on Security on the proposal for sanction of 31 India Reserve Battalions to various States including 11 IRBs for the LWE affected States, has been circulated for inter ministerial consultation. Views of Ministry of Finance have been received and under examination.

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Annexure-I

State-wise details of IR Bns sanctioned and raised.

Sl. No	Name of State	No. of IR Bns sanctioned	No. of IR Bns raised
1.	Andhra Pradesh #	07	07
2.	A&N Island	01	01
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	05	05
4.	Assam	09	09
5.	Bihar	03	03
6.	Chandigarh	01	01
7.	Chhattisgarh	07	07
8.	Delhi	05	05
9.	Goa	03	03
10.	Haryana	04	04
11.	Himachal Pradesh	06	06
12.	Jharkhand *	06*	05
13.	J&K	20	20
14.	Karnataka	02	02
15.	Kerala	01	01
16.	Lakshadweep	01	01
17.	Madhya Pradesh	01	01
18.	Maharashtra	03	03
19.	Manipur	09	09
20.	Meghalaya	04	04
21.	Mizoram	05	05
22.	Nagaland	07	07
23.	Orissa	06	06
24.	Pondicherry	01	01
25.	Punjab	07	07
26.	Rajasthan	03	03
27.	Sikkim	03	03
28.	Tripura	09	09
29.	Uttarakhand	02	02
30.	Uttar Pradesh	02	02
31.	West Bengal	02	02
	Total	**145**	**144**

Note:- # In addition, recently Govt. of India has approved for sanction of 08 Additional IR Bns, 4 Bns each for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

* 1 Unraised IR Bn sanctioned to Jharkhand State has been converted into Specialized India Reserve Battalion vide MHA's order dated 16.9.2011.