

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2276

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2014/MAGHA 23, 1935 (SAKA)

**FOREIGN FUNDING TO LWES**

**2276. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that financial help that Left Wing Extremists (LWEs) get is around Rs. 1600 crores per year;
- (b) the details of foreign funding to Left Wing Extremists and ways it reaches them;
- (c) the steps taken to curb financial support to the Left Wing Extremists; and
- (d) the State-wise details of allocation of funds by the Ministry to the States for fighting Left Wing Extremism?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The main source of funds for the CPI(Maoist) partly include extortion from tendu patta contractors, extortion from infrastructure/ development work contractors, 'levy' from businessmen and corporate houses, etc. In addition, they rob banks and public / private property to augment their finances. The Left Wing Extremists groups, particularly the CPI(Maoist), extort considerable 'levy' from various illegal mining mafia groups in the naxal-affected States. Though, an exact quantification of their finances is not possible, it has been assessed in a study conducted by the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), Delhi, that the CPI(Maoist) party has been collecting not less than Rs. 140 crores annually from a variety of sources. Further, the possibility of certain front organizations of the CPI(Maoist) party clandestinely getting foreign funds cannot be ruled out.

(c): The Government is closely monitoring the situation and taking appropriate action as required. As regards extortion, the State Governments concerned initiate legal action whenever such instances come to notice. The Seventh Report of Second Administrative Reforms Commission had recommended setting up of special anti-extortion and anti-money laundering cells by the State Police/ State Governments. The Ministry of Mines has also advised the State Governments to establish such cells to prevent the nexus between illegal mining/ forest contractors/ transporters and the extremists. Besides, the LWE affected states have been advised to curb the flow of funds to the naxals from tendu-patta collection by making certain changes in the policy.

(d): The Ministry of Home Affairs is implementing various security related schemes under which financial assistance is extended to the LWE affected States for their capacity building. These schemes include – (i) Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme; (ii) Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS); and (iii) Scheme for Construction / Strengthening of Fortified Police Stations. In addition, financial assistance is also extended to all the States including the LWE affected States under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF scheme) for construction of non-residential buildings such as police stations, outposts, training centres, forensic science labs, barracks, police lines etc (Plan component) and for purchase of vehicles, weaponry, equipment for forensic science labs, training, intelligence etc. (Non-Plan component). The State-wise details of release of funds under these schemes during the current financial year (2013-14) are annexed.

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**State-wise details of funds released under various security related schemes  
during the current financial year (up to 31.01.2014)**

(Rs. Crore)

S. No.	State	Security Related Expenditure (SRE)	Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS)	Construction/ Strengthening of Fortified Police Stations	Scheme for Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF)*		
					Plan	Non-Plan	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	17.98	9.99	-	77.92	0	77.92
2.	Bihar	17.11	15.06	18.535	51.31	0	51.31
3.	Chhattisgarh	42.14	16.34	-	18.05	0	18.05
4.	Jharkhand	47.79	16.52	16.875	17.11	0	17.11
5.	Madhya Pradesh	0.56	-	4.70	50.37	0	50.37
6.	Maharashtra	7.39	-	-	87.52	0	87.52
7.	Odisha	29.64	16.22	30.25	28.98	13.16	42.14
8.	Uttar Pradesh	5.33	-	-	117.38	53.30	170.68
9.	West Bengal	20.65	-	5.85	53.69	0	53.69
	<b>Total</b>	<b>188.59</b>	<b>74.13</b>	<b>76.21</b>	<b>502.33</b>	<b>66.46</b>	<b>568.79</b>

\* As on 06.02.2014