

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1100

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH MAY, 2015/VAISAKHA 16, 1937 (SAKA)

NAXAL ATTACK IN CHHATTISGARH

1100. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

Will the MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether four massive naxal attacks within 72 hours have taken place during April, 2015 in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of persons died/injured;
- (c) the details of ex-gratia announced and paid to dependents of the victims, so far; and
- (d) the reasons for repeated failure of Government to check naxal menace in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Four incidents of LWE violence have taken place during 11.04.2015 to 13.04.2015 in the districts of Sukma, Kanker and Dantewada in Chhattisgarh. The details are given below:-

(i) On 11.04.2015, 07 STF personnel were killed and 10 others sustained injuries in an encounter between STF and the CPI(Maoist) near village Pidmale, PS Chintagufa, district Sukma, Chhattisgarh.

(ii) On the intervening night of 12/13.04.2015, Maoists attacked security patrolling team of a BSF Camp at Chotebetiya in District Kanker, Chhattisgarh in which 01 Head Constable was injured who succumbed to his injuries.

(iii) On 12.04.2015, extremists set ablaze 17-18 vehicles including water tank, tippers, haiwa, poklane machines, JCB machine, car, loader, trucks and jeep.

(iv) On 13.04.2015, 05 CAF Jawans were killed and 07 others were sustained injured in a landmine explosion targeting the anti-landmine vehicle of state police by the CPI(Maoist) cadres on the Kirandul-Palnar road, near Village Khutiyapara, PS Kirandul, District Dantewada, Chhattisgarh.

(c): Ex-gratia compensation of Rs.15 lakh is paid to the next of kin of personnel of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) killed in action. In addition, next of kin of the deceased is entitled to get pension under Liberalized Pensionary Award (LPA) Rules i.e. last pay drawn. Besides this, the State Governments have their own policies for payment of ex-gratia to the families of security personnel killed in naxal attacks and compassionate appointment of children of the killed policemen in Government services. In addition, under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme, ex-gratia payment of Rs. 3 lakh to the family of each security personnel killed due to LWE violence is reimbursed to the States by the Central Government.

(d): The Central Government has been implementing a four pronged strategy to tackle LWE insurgency - Security Related Measures; Development Related Measures; Ensuring Rights & Entitlements of Local Communities and Public Perception Management, wherein it supplements the efforts of the State Governments over a wide range of schemes and measures.

In security related interventions, apart from directly deploying Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), the Government of India provides assistance for capacity building of the states through schemes like the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme, the Construction/ Strengthening of Fortified Police Stations Scheme etc. In addition, other security related interventions include providing helicopters to States, assistance to raise India Reserve Battalions (IRB), modernization and upgradation of the State Police and their Intelligence apparatus under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF scheme) etc.

On the development front, the Central Government is implementing special schemes for LWE affected areas like, the Road Requirement Plan-I (RRP-I), Installation of mobile towers etc.

To ensure Rights & Entitlements of local communities, the Central Government has enacted the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 to recognise and vest the forest rights and occupation in forest land in forest dwelling scheduled tribes and other traditional forest dwellers, who have been residing in such forests for generations, but whose rights could not be recorded. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs have also issued comprehensive guidelines on 12.07.2012 on issues relating to implementation of the Act.

Under Public Perception Management, the Central Government is implementing the Media Plan to convey the Government's view to the people of LWE affected areas through the Media.

It is belief of the Government that a combination of calibrated police action, focused development efforts and improvement in governance are the effective instrumentalities to combat LWE insurgency in long term.

The strategy implemented by the Central Government has started yielding a positive result which is evident from the declining trends of LWE violence since 2011.
