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STEPS TO CHECK MAOIST/NAXAL ACTIVITIES

New Delhi, September 16, 2020

There has been a steady decline in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) related violence and geographical spread of LWE influence in the country. The number of deaths (civilians and Security Force personnel) in LWE related violence has reduced consistently from 1005 in 2010 to 202 in 2019. In 2020 (till 15.08.2020), deaths have further reduced from 137 to 102 in comparison with the corresponding period of 2019.

Number of deaths (civilians and Security Force personnel) in LWE related violence in last three years State-wise is as under:

State	2017	2018	2019	2020 (Till 15.08.20)
Andhra Pradesh	7	3	5	2
Bihar	22	15	17	2
Chhattisgarh	130	153	77	63
Jharkhand	56	43	54	22
Madhya Pradesh	1	0	2	1
Maharashtra	16	12	34	7
Odisha	29	12	11	5
Telangana	2	2	2	0
Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0	0
West Bengal	0	0	0	0
Others	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	263	240	202	102

To combat the LWE menace, the Government of India has formulated National Policy and Action Plan in 2015, which consists of a multi-pronged approach comprising security measures, development initiatives and ensuring rights & entitlements of local communities.

MHA is supporting the State Governments extensively by way of deployment of CAPF Battalions, provision of helicopters and UAVs and sanction of India Reserve Battalions (IRBs)/ Special India Reserve Battalions (SIRBs) etc. Funds are provided under Modernization of Police Force (MPF), Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme and Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS) for modernization and training of State Police.

Apart from flagship infrastructure schemes of the Central Government, several development initiatives have been implemented for construction of roads, installation of mobile towers, skill development, improving network of banks and post offices, health and education facilities. Funds for development are also provided to most LWE affected districts under Special Central Assistance (SCA) scheme.

Resolute implementation of National Policy and Action Plan has resulted in consistent decline in the LWE violence and its geographical spread.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy in a written reply to question in the Rajya Sabha today.

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TERRORIST INCIDENTS AFTER REVOCATION OF ARTICLE 370

New Delhi, September 16, 2020

After 5^{th} August, 2019, the number of terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir have reduced significantly as under: -

9 /	After 5 th August, 2019 from 05.08.2019 to 09.09.2020 (402 days)
455	211

No major terror attack took place in the hinterland of the country during the period from 05.08.2019 to 09.09.2020.

The Government has adopted a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism and has taken various measures, such as strengthening of security apparatus, strict enforcement of law against anti-national elements, intensified cordon and search operations to effectively deal with the challenges posed by the terrorist organisations. Security Forces keep a close watch on persons who attempt to provide support to terrorists and initiate action against them.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy in a written reply to question in the Rajya Sabha today.

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ISLAMIC TERRORISTS IN SOUTHERN STATES

New Delhi, September 16, 2020

Some instances of individuals from different States, including Southern States, having joined Islamic State (IS) have come to the notice of Central and State Security Agencies. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has registered 17 cases related to the presence of IS in Southern States of Telangana, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and arrested 122 accused persons. Islamic State/Islamic State of Iraq and Levant/Islamic State of Iraq and Syria/Daish/Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP)/ISIS Wilayat Khorasan/Islamic State of Iraq and the Sham-Khorasan (ISIS-K) and all its manifestations have been notified as Terrorist Organization and included in the First Schedule to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 by the Central Government. IS is using various internet based social media platforms to propagate its ideology. Cyber space is being closely watched in this regard by the agencies concerned and action is taken as per law.

Investigations by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) have revealed that the IS is most active in Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy in a written reply to question in the Rajya Sabha today.

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INADEQUATE NUMBER OF FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORIES

New Delhi, September 16, 2020

Disposal of case depends on several factors such as category of the case (Civil or Criminal), complexity of the facts involved, nature of evidence and co-operation of the stakeholder. 'Police' and 'Public order' are State subjects under the Seventh schedule to the Constitution of India including strengthening of State Forensic Science Laboratories.

However, in order to assist strengthening in State Forensic Science Laboratories, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has taken the following initiatives:

- (i) Projects approved for strengthening DNA analysis, Cyber-forensics and related facilities in 16 States/UT at a total cost of Rs.157.98 crore under Nirbhaya Fund.
- (ii) Total of Rs.195.97 crore has been approved to the States for strengthening Forensic Science Laboratories in financial years 2019-2021under the scheme for Modernization of Police Forces.
- (iii) To ensure quality and standardization in forensic examination, the Directorate of Forensic Science Services, MHA, has issued the following guidelines:
 - Quality Manuals for accreditation of laboratories as per NABL standards (ISO 17025) and Working Procedure Manuals in nine disciplines of Forensic Sciences.
 - Quality Manuals and Working Procedure Manuals for Biology and DNA Division.
 - Guidelines for collection, preservation & transportation of forensic evidence in sexual assault cases for Investigation Officers and medical Officers. More than 15000 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection kits have been distributed to the States/UTs to ensure that evidence is collected and stored in proper manner.
 - Standard list of Equipment for establishing/upgrading of Forensic Sciences Laboratories

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy in a written reply to question in the Rajya Sabha today.

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PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL IRB TO STATES

New Delhi, September 16, 2020

Government of India is getting an Impact Assessment Study done on the India Reserve Battalions Scheme through IIM, Rohtak. A presentation on draft report was made and thereafter, the report is under finalization.

The proposals for additional IR Battalions from 5 States including Karnataka have been received. Sanction of new India Reserve Battalion is dependent on the outcome of the Study.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai in a written reply to question in the Rajya Sabha today.

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STEPS TO RESTORE PEACE IN KASHMIR

New Delhi, September 16, 2020

The number of civilians killed and security personnel got martyrdom during the period 05.08.2019 to 10.09.2020 in Jammu and Kashmir are as under: -

Description	Terrorist related incidents	Ceasefire violations
Civilians killed	45	26
Security personnel martyred	49	25

The Government has adopted a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism and has taken various measures, such as strengthening of security apparatus, strict enforcement of law against anti-national elements, intensified cordon and search operations to effectively deal with the challenges posed by the terrorist organisations. While keeping a close watch on persons who attempt to provide support to terrorists and initiating action against them, other steps by Law enforcing agencies include enhanced interaction between police and public at various levels, sharing of intelligence inputs on real time basis amongst all security forces operating in Jammu and Kashmir, intensified area domination of militancy affected areas by deployment of additional Nakas and patrolling by security forces etc.

In order to bring about overall development for the benefit of people of Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister had also announced a package of Rs. 80,068 Crores under PMDP-2015. This package consists of 63 major development projects in Road sector, Power generation and transmission, health infrastructure, establishment of 2 AIIMS, IITs, IIMs and tourism related projects etc. These projects are at various stages of implementation. Training and employment opportunities for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir are also provided under many schemes such as HIMAYAT and PMKVY.

In order to mainstream the youth, special emphasis is being given to Watan Ko Jano program, student exchange program, sports as well as civic action program of CAPFs.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy in a written reply to question in the Rajya Sabha today.

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INFILTRATION BY PAKISTANI MILITANTS/ TERRORISTS

New Delhi, September 16, 2020

The details of infiltration by Pakistani militants in Jammu and Kashmir during the last two years and the current year (upto July, 2020) are as under: -

Year	Number of Estimated Infiltration Attempts	Number of Estimated Net Infiltration
2018	328	143
2019	219	141
2020 (upto July)	47	28

The number of terrorists killed and arrested during the last two years and the current year (upto 09.09.2020), month-wise, in Jammu and Kashmir in terrorist violence incidents is as under:

Month	Terrorists killed		led	Terrorists arrested		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
January	8	17	17	2	1	3
February	8	23	8	-	1	2
March	22	22	7	-	2	-
April	20	11	28	2	1	2
May	19	28	15	1	2	-
June	23	24	49	-	3	1
July	12	6	21	1	2	-
August	25	5	18	-	3	-
September	33	7	5	1	-	1
October	30	9		4	1	
November	38	5		5	1	
December	19	-		1	3	
Total	257	157	168	17	20	9

The army personnel who lost their lives during last two years and the current year are as under: -

2018	2019	2020 (upto 09.09.2020)
37	21	18

Government of India has adopted a multi-pronged approach to contain cross border infiltration. This includes multi-tiered deployment along the International Border / Line of Control, border fencing, improved intelligence and operational coordination, equipping Security Forces with advanced weapons and taking proactive action against infiltrators.

Besides, all necessary precautions and preventive steps including Cordon and Search Operations (CASO) are undertaken by the security forces in a proactive manner to flush out terrorists.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy in a written reply to question in the Rajya Sabha today.

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CASES OF INFILTRATION FROM PAKISTAN AND CHINA

New Delhi, September 16, 2020

The number of cases of attempted infiltration along Indo-Pakistan border during the last six months are as under:

S. no.	Month	Indo-Pakistan Border
1.	Feb, 20	-
2.	Mar, 20	04
3.	Apr, 20	24
4.	May, 20	8
5.	Jun, 20	-
6.	Jul, 20	11

No infiltration has been reported along Indo-China border during last six months.

The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach to contain cross border infiltration, which inter-alia include multi-tiered deployment along the International border/Line of Control, improved intelligence and operational coordination, border fencing, deploying technological solutions and taking pro-active action against infiltrators.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai in a written reply to question in the Rajya Sabha today.

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CENTRAL TEAM TO EVALUATE LOSSES DUE TO FLOODS

New Delhi, September 16, 2020

The primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the State Governments. The concerned State Governments undertake assessment/ evaluation of losses and provide relief measures according to the magnitude of the ground situation, in the wake of natural calamities, including flood, from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) already placed at their disposal, in accordance with Government of India approved items and norms. For calamity of a severe nature, additional financial assistance is provided by Government of India from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) as per the laid down procedure, which is based on the assessment of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT).

In the instant cases, Ministry of Home Affairs, even before the receipt of memorandum from State Governments, has constituted separate Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs) for 9 flood affected States viz. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Sikkim, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh.

In order to support the affected people of States, the Central Government has released the Central Share of State Disaster Risk Management Fund (SDRMF) amounting to Rs. 11,565.92 crore, in advance, for the year 2020-21, to all the State Governments including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Assam for management of relief necessitated by notified natural disasters including floods in the affected areas.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai in a written reply to question in the Rajya Sabha today.

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CRIMINAL LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

New Delhi, September 16, 2020

A Committee has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of the Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi to suggest reforms in the Criminal laws. The Ministry of Home Affairs have also sought suggestions from Governors, Chief Ministers of States, Lieutenant Governors (LGs) and Administrators of Union Territories, Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Chief Justices of various High Courts, Bar Council of India, Bar Council of various States and various Universities/ Law Institutes on comprehensive amendments in Criminal laws. The suggestions received and the Report of the Committee are subject to examination by the Ministry of Home Affairs in consultation with all stakeholders.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy in a written reply to question in the Rajya Sabha today.

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STATUS OF FCRA ACCOUNTS AND ITS FUNDS

New Delhi, September 16, 2020

There are approximately over 22400 associations/NGOs which are registered under the FCRA, 2010. Each such association/NGO has opened atleast one FCRA account in bank. It can also open one or more utilization accounts in any bank of its choice. Statewise details in this regard are available on the FCRA Portal www.fcraonline.nic.in

An NGO is registered under the FCRA, 2010 or granted Prior Permission by Central Government for receiving and utilising foreign funds/contribution. It can receive and utilize such contribution for a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme as provided under Section 11 of the Act. Details of foreign contribution received and utilized are available in the Annual Returns of the association/NGO which have been uploaded on the FCRA Portal www.fcraonline.nic.in

When foreign contribution is found to be misused, The FCRA, 2010 provides for cancellation of certificate of the NGO/association under Section 14. Cases of serious nature where any offence punishable under the Act is prima-facie made out, the matter may also be referred to an investigating agency under Section 43 of The FCRA, 2010.

Details of action taken by Central Government where funds have been found to be misused during the last three years are given below:-

Year	Cancellation of FCRA	Case referred to CBI/ State Crime
	registration for misuse of FC	Branch for misutilization of FC
2017	02	02
2018	Nil	Nil
2019	Nil	01

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai in a written reply to question in the Rajya Sabha today.

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CASES REGISTERED UNDER ANTI-TERROR LAWS

New Delhi, September 16, 2020

'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. However, National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) is the Central Agency which compiles the data on crimes as reported by States and Union Territories and publishes the same in its annual publication "Crime in India". The latest published report is of the year 2018. As per report, a total of 922, 901 and 1182 cases were registered and a total of 999, 1554 and 1421 persons were arrested under the Anti-terror law i.e. Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA) in the country during the year 2016, 2017 and 2018 respectively.

As per information received from NCRB, there are a total of 232, 272 and 317 cases, wherein chargesheet has been filed by the security agencies with respect to the cases registered under Anti-terror law i.e. Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA) in the country during the year 2016, 2017 and 2018 respectively. Further, in the year 2017 and 2018, the number of chargeheests submitted in one to two years are 92 and 52 and after two years are 31 and 10 respectively.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy in a written reply to question in the Rajya Sabha today.
