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To
The C.P.Z.O.,
Ministry of Home Affairs (Internal Security)
North Block,
Central Secretariat, New Delhi - 110001

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Re:- application under the RTI Act.

Sir,
I am enclosing herewith a Press clipping dated 21-3-2013 (702) which shows that as a result of warning by the Maoists fighting Para military forces which under the control of the Central Govt. (Ministry of Home Affairs - Dept. of Internal Security) number of building plans have been change to suit the convenience of the Maoists. You are therefore requested to furnish the following information:-

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- (i) whether M/H.A. have taken up this matter with the Left hand Govt. If so, how many building plans have been changed; how many buildings have been targeted/hit by the Maoists; what the ^{property} loss of the Govt in such attacks by rebels.
- (ii) If the M/H.A. have not taken up this matter with the state Govt. what effective steps are being taken by the Internal security agencies to safe guard double a multi storey buildings as ultimately it is the responsibility of the

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Central Govt. to fight such ^{rebel} forces & Central Govt is
spending crores of rupees on the Para-military
forces to fight the rebel menace of the
Maoists.

A Postal Order no. O&F 795875 for Rs 10/- is enclosed
as fee for this application.

Yours faithfully,
S. L. Khanna
Advocate

Home Ministry to connect on it.

J'khand bows to Maoist diktat

Changes Building Plans, Won't Go For Multi-Storey Structures

Sanjay Ojha | TNN

Ranchi: The war between Maoists and security forces has now spilled over into building plans. The former has threatened to blow up all double and multi-storey buildings, forcing the Jharkhand government to amend building plans in rebel-dominated areas.

Sources said that a number of building plans were changed as Maoists, in the last few months, have targeted such buildings, including panchayats and health centres, as they were apprehensive that security personnel would use the first floors as transit camps.

Caught in a bind, the government is making plans for construction of single-storey buildings to save the property from damage, says a source. "After a



Maoists have threatened to blow up all double and multi-storey buildings

review of attacks, we realized it is better to change the building plan than get it damaged as was done by rebels in Latehar district," he says.

The rebels have in the past shown that they mean business. They have blown up a health centre in Serangda village and a panchayat building in Pochra

village. "As the two buildings were located at strategic places and forces stationed there could easily keep an eye on movements, the rebels targeted these buildings," says a source.

Deputy inspector general of police Praveen Kumar Singh, who has worked as an SP in many rebel-hit districts, admits

Naxals have targeted two- three-storey buildings in the past apprehending that the first floors might be used as transit camps for security forces. The govt has now changed building plans to save its properties from damage

that rebels did this out of fear. "The rebels know that during transit or operations, security forces use government buildings. Multi-storey buildings give them a strategic advantage and the rebels would attack and destroy them. To avoid this, plans have been changed at many places," says Singh.

No. I-11034/18/2013-NM/ANO-I
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya
Naxal Management Division

Room No. 13-A, North Block
New Delhi, dated the 16th May, 2013

To,

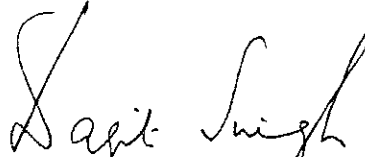
Sh. S. L. Khanna,
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Subject: RTI application – under Right to Information Act-2005.

Please refer to this Ministry's communication No. II. 18015/19/2013-NM III dated 03.05.2013 under reference to your RTI application dated 08.04.2013 received in this office on 06.05.2013 through Sh. Shantanu, Director (NM), Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi.

2. As regards point no. (i) of your application, ANO-I Wing is not aware about the decision taken by the State Government of Jharkhand of changing the building plans under the threat of Maoists.
3. As regards point no. (ii), it is to inform that the 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects, action with respect to maintenance of law and order lies primarily in the domain of the State Governments concerned, who deal directly with the various issues related to LWE activities in the States. The Central Government has a two-pronged approach towards combating LWE wherein it supplements the efforts of State Governments through security related and development related interventions..
4. However, the issue raised in the news clipping is being taken up with the State Government of Jharkhand.
5. The appeal against this reply lies with Sh. M. A. Ganapathy, Joint Secretary (NM), Room No.193-A/1, North Block, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi within 30 days of receipt of this reply.

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