

Increasing activities of naxalites in Northern States

†1001. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the naxalites are increasing their activities in Northern States of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many defence personnels and armed force personnels have been killed in naxalite attacks during the last one year;

(c) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps being taken by Government to curb the naxalite activities from spreading to other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Naxals are trying to expand their activities to northern States like Haryana, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Uttrakhand, Punjab etc. No instance of naxal violence has been reported from these States during last one year. Also, no casualty of defence personnel and armed forces personnel have been reported.

State Governments take necessary steps to curb naxal activities within the States. Spread to other States is tackled through inter-State security and operational coordination. The Central Government supplements the efforts and resources of State Governments by a variety of measures in the arena of security and development.

Gorkhaland fury spreading to plains in North and West Bengal

1002. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gorkhaland fury has spread to the plains in the north of West Bengal with anti-statehood protesters clashing with supporters of the Gorkha Jana Mukti Morcha (GJMM) in the plains of Siliguri on 12th June, 2008; and

(b) the steps Government has taken to address the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) has been agitating and demanding separate Statehood for the area comprising entire Darjeeling district, including its Siliguri sub-division and certain contiguous areas in Jalpaiguri district (Dooars). There is resistance to this demand from various other organizations/groups. Agitational activities by either of the groups attract opposition from the other resulting in clashes like the one which occurred in Siliguri and adjoining area on June 12, 2008 when an organization, Amra Bangali and some others gave a call for a 48-hour bandh.

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