

North-East

Year	No. Incident
1999	1743
2000	1963
2001	1340
2002	1319
2003	1332
2004*	1234
2005	1332
2006	1366
2007	1489
2008	1561
2009 (upto May 2009)	624

Naxal affected States

Year	No. Incident
1999	1246
2000	1179
2001	1208
2002	1465
2003	1597
2004*	1553
2005	1608
2006	1509
2007	1565
2008	1591
2009 (upto May 2009)	915

*The first UPA Government was formed in May, 2004

Besides, sporadic incidents of terrorism have been reported in different parts of the hinterland from time to time.

(c) The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has been constituted and the Director General, has been appointed and assumed office. 217 additional posts have been sanctioned. The National Investigation Agency has been assigned three cases for investigation and prosecution.

Tribal people used as Shield in Lalgarh Operation

1233. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) for how long 2 or 3 districts of West Bengal were under the control of Maoists before the security forces could regain and restore Lalgarh in the recent past;
- (b) whether cognizance has not been taken by the authorities concerned and attempt to flush out then and there instead of waiting to develop into a grave and major problem;
- (c) whether it is not a serious lapse;
- (d) whether in the encounter or in the process of flush out between Maoists and security forces, it is a fact that Maoists and Naxalates used the local tribal people as their shield; and
- (e) if so, how many tribal people were killed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (e) On the basis of violence profile, West Midnapore district of West Bengal is included in the list of districts under Security Related Expenditure scheme, for which expenditure on account of anti-naxal operations is reimbursed to the State.

After IED blast in November 2008, local people constituted a Committee called '*Police Santrash Birodhi Janaganer Committee*' (PSBJC), to oppose police action. CPI (Maoist) extended support to the Committee.

State Police Forces; have been coordinating operations in the naxal affected areas, with assistance of Central Para Military Forces, in a focused manner in the area since 18th June 2009. No casualties of tribals have been reported due to the above operation.

Smuggling and consumption of drugs in the country

1234. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of recent reports indicating that in addition to being a major transit centre for drug smuggling, consumption of drugs is increasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, city-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the steps Government has taken/proposes to take to combat and curb drug consumption and smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir. Government do not have any authentic report to indicate that consumption of drugs is increasing in the country.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The steps taken by Government to combat and curb drug consumption and smuggling are given in the Statement.