

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN):  
(a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Battalions for operations against Naxalites**

2982. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:  
DR. N. JANARDHANA REDDY:  
DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:  
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:  
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has asked DGS of CRPF, BSF and ITBP to spare battalions to launch large scale operations against Naxalites;
- (b) if so, the details of locations where such battalions would be stationed;
- (c) whether the withdrawal of forces from CRPF, BSF and ITBP would have any affect on the present security positions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN):  
(a) to (d) State Governments deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States. The Central Government supplements their efforts in several ways on security and development fronts. On the security side 58 battalions of Central Para Military Forces have been deployed on anti-naxalite duties in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. There is no adverse effect on the situation as deployment is a dynamic process based on changing requirements of States and availability of forces.

**Modernisation of fire and emergency services**

2983. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the latest status of the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government for allocation of funds of Rs. 66.84 crores being Central share under the scheme of strengthening/modernization of fire and emergency services for the years 2008-09 to 2010-13;
- (b) the reasons for delay in releasing the demanded funds; and
- (c) by when this fund is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Government has recently approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme at a cost of Rs. 200 crores for 'Strengthening of Fire and Emergency Services in the