

related to naxalite activities in the States. The Central Government also closely monitors the situation and supplements their efforts over a wide range of schemes, both on security and development front.

(f) and (g) At a party public meeting, the Home Minister said that it is the Government's intention to fully contain the menace of naxalism in 2-3 year.

**Latest weapons and technology to police and CPMFs**

3597. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has realized the fact that our police and paramilitary forces are not adequately trained and equipped with latest equipment with the result that they are ill-prepared to face the terrorists, naxalites and maoists; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken to give latest training and equip them with latest weapons and technology which will boost their confidence and morale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Para-Military Forces are being trained and equipped with latest equipment to meet the challenges. However, due to constant changes in technology the Forces are in definite need to induct new weapons, equipments and technologies, which is a continuous process.

A Modernisation Plan of Central Para-Military Forces with an outlay of Rs. 4,184.50 crores taking into account the futuristic requirement of the Forces was launched during March 2002, which will come to an end on 31.03.2011. Under the Modernisation Plan, CPMFs are provided with superior fire arms, effective mobility, advanced communication and surveillance systems, etc. to improve the striking capability of these Forces to tackle the security challenges. The skill of the troops is also continuously being upgraded by providing regular training and creation of modern training facilities.

**Non-utilisation of funds for police modernisation by States**

3598. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: