

Need to overhaul anti-naxal strategy

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

- (a) whether lack of coordination between the State Police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has led to a rise in attacks by naxalites in the past few months;
- (b) if so, whether the anti-naxal strategy needs immediate overhaul;
- (c) if so, whether the Union Government has recently asked the naxal-affected States, particularly Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, to follow Andhra Model to counter naxalites; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the naxal affected States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No Sir. State Governments on account of variations in local conditions, deal with the naxal problem in State-specific ways. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments on both development and security fronts through several ways which, *inter alia*, include providing of Central Paramilitary Forces (CPMFs), sanction of India Reserve (IR) Battalions, setting up of Counter Insurgency and Anti Terrorism (CIAT) schools and assistance in development works through a wide range of schemes of different Central Ministries.

Naxalite movement gaining momentum

*48. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that naxalites movement has been gaining momentum in West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Jharkhand etc. and naxals have been targetting security forces by killing them, keeping them in captivity and snatching their fire arms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and major incidents of the last two years;
- (c) the number of incidents with details of cases in which naxalites freed their members from the custody of police; and