Increase in naxal affected districts

†1447. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified 83 districts in the country, which are naxal violence affected;
 - (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the number of such districts have constantly increased in the last few years; and
 - (d) if so, the number of such districts during 2004-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) to (d) On the basis of naxalite violence profile, presently, 83 districts in 9 naxal affected States are included under Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme, which is meant for reimbursing the expenditure incurred by the States on anti-naxal operations.

As per the revised SRE Scheme Guidelines, 76 districts in nine naxal affected States were covered under the Scheme during 2004-05.

Inclusion/exclusion of districts under SRE Scheme is a continuous process.

Chief Ministers Conference on internal security

1448. SHRI D. RAJA: SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a Chief Ministers Conference on internal security was held in Delhi on February 1, 2011; and
 - (b) if so, the details of the discussion took place therein and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Union Government has recently organized a Conference of Chief Ministers of all State Governments on Internal Security on 1.2.2011 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The Conference reviewed the security situation in the country and discussed various issues relating to Internal Security such as filling up-of vacancies against sanctioned strength of police forces; strengthening of counter terrorism capabilities; strengthening of intelligence wing; economic offences implementation of Crime and Criminal Tracking network and Systems (CCTNS); police reforms; coastal security; Border Management; and Left Wing Extremism (LWE).

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