

**Stopping of combing operation in naxal-affected areas of Orissa**

†2231. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the combing operation has been stopped in naxal-affected areas of Orissa;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether this would not lead to unchecked intensifying the naxalite activities in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT):

(a) to (c) There are no such inputs with the Central Government.

**Unified command in naxal affected States**

2232. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a unified command in naxal affected States would be created to effectively carry out anti-naxal/Maoist operations to prevent, detect and ultimately control the attacks by these rather than to intensify searches of suspects after incidents had taken place;

(b) if so, will fully trained personnel armed with latest weapons, supported by local intelligence inputs and feed-backs man such a Unified Command, after arriving at a consensus with State Governments; and

(c) will reckless mining, abducting key police officials, targeting of prestigious trains be controlled by adoption of concerted strategy by Government by synergizing with local law-enforcing agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT):

(a) to (c) The State Governments of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa and West Bengal have constituted a Unified Command in each of these States of carry out carefully planned anti-naxal operations.

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