

(a) whether Government have received information the Naxalites are expanding their base in various urban areas alongwith Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, Bangaluru, Kolkata, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram and Lucknow;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the step being taken by Government to check the naxalite infiltration in the urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Activities of CPI Maoist and their frontal organizations have been reported in urban areas of various States including in Mumbai, Pune, Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, Bangaluru, Kolkata, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram and Lucknow.

(c) 'Police' and 'public order' being State subjects, action with respect to maintenance of law and order lies primarily in the domain of the concerned State Governments, who deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities. The Government of India shares intelligence inputs and issues advisories from time to time, alerting the State Governments to the activities of CPI (Maoist) and its front organizations in urban areas.

Infiltration by Somalian pirates of Gujarat coast

†1117. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that despite vigilance of Indian Navy and Coast Guards, Somali pirates succeeded to enter into Indian waters at Gujarat coast, which is a very serious matter for the safety of India;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has started or going to start joint inquiry with Government of Gujarat in the above said incidents;

(c) the details of necessary steps being taken by the Ministry in this regard; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Indian Coast Guard for the safety of Hazira Industrial area in southern Gujarat, so that such incidents do not take place again?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) In two separate incidents on 19 June, 2011 and 26 June, 2011, 38 persons, out of which 32 are of Somalian origin, were apprehended by the police off the Gujarat Coast and interrogated by concerned agencies.

(c) and (d) Coastal surveillance and patrolling have been enhanced in the area. Joint and operational exercises are taking place on regular basis among the Navy, the Coast Guard, Coastal State Police, Customs and others under the integrated approach

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adopted for coastal security. Further, 10 Coastal Police Stations under Coastal Security Scheme have been made operational including one at Hazira. A new Regional Headquarter of Coast Guard has been set up at Gandhinagar. There are seven Coast Guard Stations existing in Gujarat and one Coast Guard station at Pipavav close to Hazira is being set up in 2012.

Increase in cases of infiltration in the valley

†1118. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN:
SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some startling facts have come to light about the increasing incidents of infiltration and encounter in the valley, as per the assessment of the Defence Headquarter;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the outposts along the border are lying unattended;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether terrorists are trying to capture these posts; and
- (f) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) As per assessment of Multi Agency Centre (MAC), till June 2011, 52 terrorists attempted to infiltrate as compared to 489 in the year 2010. The Army has killed two terrorists trying to infiltrate along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir till date in 2011. In 2010 the Army killed 38 terrorists trying to infiltrate.

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) No attempts by the terrorists to capture any outpost have been made.
- (f) Does not arise.

Shortage of fighter aircrafts

†1119. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA:
SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of fighter aircrafts and helicopters in the Indian Air Force;

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