

in governance will yield the desired result against Left Wing Extremism (LWE). This strategy and philosophy is applicable to the State of Kerala also. However, at present no assistance is being provided to Kerala under the LWE related schemes of Government of India. Kerala is being provided assistance under the Scheme of Modernization of Police Forces of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Attacks on civil administration officials in Maoist affected areas

3620. SHRI D. RAJA :

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the attacks on the civil administration officials have increased recently in the Maoist affected areas;
- (b) if so, the details of such incidents taken place during the current year;
- (c) whether such attacks have affected the development works including the special plan for the insurgent affected districts being taken up recently; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that the CPI (Maoist) are indulging in attacks on the civil administration officials in their areas of influence. In the current year, major incidents of attacks on civil administration officials are given below:

- (i) Attack on SDO Garhwa and BDO Bhandaria on 21.01.2012 near Tinbhitiha in Bhandaria PS area of district Garhwa, Jharkhand.
- (ii) Abduction of 04 railway employees on 30.01.2012 at Bhansi railway station, Dantewada, Chhattisgarh.
- (iii) Attack on District Magistrate of Bijapur district and the MLA of Bijapur on 20.4.2012 near Pegdapalli, PS Madded, district Bijapur, Chhattisgarh.
- (iv) Abduction of Shri Alex Paul Menon, District Magistrate of Sukma district on 21.04.2012 in Manjhipara, PS and district Sukma, Chhattisgarh.

(c) to (d) The attack and abduction of civil administration officials, elected representatives, foreign tourists and collectors indicate a determined effort on the part of the CPI (Maoist) to stall the development effort in affected districts. They seek to prevent poor and marginalized section of the society in their areas of dominance from joining the mainstream development process. Such actions by the CPI (Maoist) are short-term setbacks and the Government is determined to continue with its efforts to combat LWE in a holistic manner.