

amid fresh intelligence that Taliban could be planning to enter the country. Government continuously monitors all developments having a bearing on India's national security and takes all necessary steps to safeguard it.

Recruitment of tribal women as guards in paramilitary forces

4423. SHRI T. M. SELVAGANAPATHI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to recruit tribal women as Guard in para military forces such as Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that tribal women in naxal affected areas have shown keen interest to take part in CRPF; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, approval has been given by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to raise one Mahila Battalion in CRPF in the year 2014-15 which will result into induction of more girls/women in CRPF. The eligible tribal women can also appear in the recruitment of women in various Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), including the Mahila Battalion mentioned above, for which advertisements are issued by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC)/CAPFs from time to time.

(c) and (d) CRPF, with the help of some Non Government Organizations, has given training to tribal girls/women for jobs in the Private sector as security guards. Many girls have shown interest in getting the training. The number of girls who have been given such training is as follows:-

States	Numbers of girls
Jharkhand	60
Bihar	83
Odisha	30

Naxals/Maoists strengthening their base in Southern India

4424. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the Naxals/Maoists are planning to strengthen their base in southern India, particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;