

Maoists getting support from North-East militants

2260. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Maoists get support from North-East militants;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the red rebels have full support of insurgent groups and are being provided a safe haven in their strongholds in the North-East;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has received an intelligence input in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) The banned CPI (Maoist) party is trying to establish organizational bases in the North East with a view to forge relations with other insurgent groups to meet its military requirements. In this regard, the CPI (Maoist) have developed close fraternal ties with North-East insurgent groups like the Revolutionary People's Front (RPF)/People's Liberation Army (PLA) of Manipur. Both the outfits have agreed upon mutual cooperation in the areas of training, funding, supply of arms and ammunition. The Upper Assam Leading Committee (UALC) of the CPI (Maoist) is presently operating in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh and have been involved in incidents of looting of weapons and extortion from local villagers. The UALC has also been engaged in recruitment and training of cadres for the outfit in Assam. These cadres have been utilized in extensive propaganda against mega dams in Assam. In this backdrop, Assam-Arunachal border has emerged as another theatre of Maoist activities. The outfit is also establishing separate channels in the North-East, particularly in Nagaland for procurement of ammunition.

The Government of India has alerted the State Governments concerned of the North-East in this regard. The Government is also monitoring the situation closely. The activities of CPI (Maoist) party has declined significantly in the North-East in recent times, consequent to the arrest of important cadres from the area.

Instances of communal violence in the country

2261. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: