

Foreign agencies assisting naxal violence

*369. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that foreign agencies are assisting naxal violence in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of various intelligence reports in this regard;
- (c) whether the Central Government/State Governments have completely failed to break the nexus of Maoists with foreign funding agencies; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and further strategies to be adopted to check naxal violence in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) and (b) No specific intelligence inputs are available to indicate that the maoists/naxalites are getting financial assistance from external agencies/other countries. However, the CPI (Maoist) have close links with foreign Maoist organizations in Philippines, Turkey etc. The outfit is also a member of the Coordination Committee of Maoist Parties and Organisations of South Asia (CCOMPOSA). The Maoist parties of South Asian countries are members of this conglomerate. Besides, LWE groups have participated in Conferences/Seminars conducted in Belgium and Germany. The so-called 'People's War' being waged by the CPI(Maoist) against the Indian State has also drawn support from several maoist fringe organisations located in Germany, France, Holland, Turkey, Italy etc.

The recovery of arms and ammunitions of foreign origin from the Left Wing Extremists in different encounters/operations is an indication of the fact that they are procuring weapons from external sources also. Moreover, the possibility of some front organizations of the CPI(Maoist) clandestinely getting foreign funds cannot be ruled out. Inputs also indicate that some senior cadres of the Communist Party of the Philippines imparted training to the cadres of CPI(Maoist) in 2005 and 2011.

(c) and (d) The Government is closely monitoring the situation and taking appropriate action as required. Such matters, as and when they come to the notice of this Ministry, are taken up with the Ministry of External Affairs, who take up the issue with the countries concerned at the diplomatic level. On a more general note, there is clear evidence that the Government of India's existing strategy of security and development related interventions to combat the Maoist insurgency is paying dividends as witnessed in the declining LWE violence levels since the year 2011 onwards.