

- (iii) Machinist
- (iv) Turner
- (v) Electronics Mechanic
- (vi) Welder
- (vii) Mechanic Diesel
- (viii) Mechanic (Motor Vehicle)
- (ix) Cosmetology
- (x) Tool and Die Maker (Dies and Mould)
- (xi) Draughtsman (Mechanical)
- (xii) Attendant Operator (Chemical Plant)
- (xiii) Mechanic Refrigeration and Air-conditioning
- (xiv) Plumber
- (xv) Automotive Body Repair
- (xvi) Automotive Paint Repair

Regrouping of maoists beyond Bastar district

*58. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to intelligence inputs, maoists are regrouping away from Bastar district to the tri-junction of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken adequate steps to avert this regrouping;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of proper road connectivity, Rayagada, Kandhamal and Kalahandi districts in Odisha are gradually emerging as a den of naxal activities; and

(d) if so, the details of preparedness of Government to counter such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) to (d) Change in areas of operation are resorted to from time to time by the Left Wing Extremists as part of their tactics. The Government of India provides adequate assistance to the States in terms of deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), intelligence sharing, training etc. resulting in the conduct of coordinated and effective LWE operation. The Central Government also supports the States by providing funds under various development schemes.

No significant change in violent activity has been reported from Rayagada, Kandhamal and Kalahandi districts of Odisha. The Government has provided adequate assistance to Odisha in terms of CAPF Battalions, intelligence sharing, training etc. and funds under various schemes, including road connectivity.

Weather gear for ITBP Personnel

*59. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ITBP Personnel deployed at posts higher than 9000 feet will now get the same weather gear that is available to army jawans posted on the Siachen Glacier;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such clothing and equipment were available only to ITBP personnel deployed at posts higher than 11000 feet;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the announcement would practically cover about 80 per cent of the force as most ITBP deployment are at an altitude of more than 9000 feet; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) and (b) ITBP Personnel are provided with Special Clothing and Mountaineering Equipment (SCME) and Extreme Cold Clothing and Equipment (ECC&E) as per operational requirement assessed from time to time. Special Clothing and Mountaineering Equipment (SCME) has been provided to ITBP Personnel deployed above 11000 feet whereas Extreme Cold Clothing and Equipment (ECC&E) have been provided to the Personnel deployed above the height of 6000 feet in Uttarakhand, Himachal, Jammu and Kashmir and above 9000 feet in North-East region. SCME have been sanctioned to all other Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) deployed at posts higher than 11000 feet.

(c) and (d) The details of ITBP Personnel deployed at altitude of more than 9000 feet is as under:—

Total Posted Strength	No. of ITBP Personnel deployed at altitude more than 9000 feet	Percentage
81761	14721	18%