

Unauthorised flying of drones in border areas

2605. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Paramilitary Forces deployed in sensitive international border areas are still not equipped to detect flying of drones by neighbouring countries having nefarious designs;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the incidents of flying of drones by neighbouring countries in the last one year; and

(c) what immediate measures Government has taken to equip the Paramilitary Forces with sophisticated technology to spot unauthorised flying of drones in border areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY): (a) to (c) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to deal with threat from drones has been issued in April 2019 to all States and Union Territories for implementation. Further, Indian Air Force is the main airspace control agency and continues to train all security agencies and all States and UTs police regarding threat from drones and anti-drone measures. Recently BPR&D held a seminar-cum-exhibition regarding anti-drone technology, which was attended by senior police officers of the States/UTs, to apprise them about the threat from drones and the anti-drone technology available and the anti-drones measures to be taken. All security agencies are required to procure anti-drone equipment according to their requirement. As per information received, 182 incidents of flying of drones have been observed on the borders.

Incidents of naxal violence

†2606. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of naxal violence registered in the States affected by naxal activities in the country during last three years;

(b) the number of security personnel martyred in such incidents, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the facilities provided to the families of those martyred security personnel by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY): (a) and (b) Number of LWE incidents and SFs martyred therein, State-wise, are as follows:

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