



Development of LWE Affected Areas

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Giving a reply to a Written Question in the Lok Sabha today, during Question Hour on the question 'Development of LWE Affected Areas' the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai said to address the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) menace holistically, Government of India (GoI) has approved a 'National Policy and Action Plan to address LWE' in 2015. This policy envisages a multi-pronged strategy involving security related measures, development interventions, ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities, etc.

Steadfast implementation of this policy has resulted in consistent decline in violence in LWE affected areas. Incidents of LWE violence have reduced by 77 percent from high of 2,213 in 2010 to 509 in 2021. Similarly, resultant deaths (Civilians + Security Forces) have reduced by 85 percent from high of 1,005 in 2010 to 147 in 2021. The declining trend continues in 2022.

Geographical spread of violence has also significantly reduced and only 191 Police Stations of 46 districts reported LWE related violence in 2021 as compared to high of 465 Police Stations of 96 districts in 2010. Decline in geographical spread is also reflected in the reduced number of districts covered under Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme. Number of SRE districts reduced from 126 to 90 in April 2018 and further to 70 in July 2021.

Similarly, the number of districts contributing approximately 90 percent of the LWE violence, categorised as Most LWE Affected Districts, came down to 30 from 35 in 2018 and further to 25 in 2021. The list of districts covered under SRE scheme is are given below.

Sl. No.	State	No. of District	Districts covered Under SRE Scheme
1.	Andhra Pradesh	05	East Godavari, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagram, West Godavari.
2.	Bihar	10	Aurangabad, Banka, Gaya, Jamui, Kaimur, Lakhisarai, Munger, Nawada, Rohtas, West Champaran.
3.	Chhattisgarh	14	Balrampur, Bastar, Bijapur, Dantewada, Dhamtari, Gariyaband, Kanker, Kondagaon, Mahasamund, Narayanpur, Rajnandgaon, Sukma, Kabirdham, Mungeli.





4.	Jharkhand	16	Bokaro, Chatra, Dhanbad, Dumka, East Singhbhum, Garhwa, Giridih, Gumla, Hazaribagh, Khunti, Latehar, Lohardaga, Palamu, Ranchi, Saraikela-Kharaswan, West Singhbhum.
5.	Madhya Pradesh	03	Balaghat, Mandla, Dindori.
6.	Maharashtra	02	Gadchiroli, Gondia.
7.	Odisha	10	Bargarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabrangpur, Nuapada, Rayagada, Sundergarh.
8.	Telangana	06	Adilabad, Bhadradi-Kothagudem, Jayashankar-Bhupalpally, Komaram-Bheem, Mancherial, Mulugu.
9.	West Bengal	01	Jhargram.
10.	Kerala	03	Malappuram, Palakkad, Wayanad.
	Total	70	

(c) On social and economic development front, the Ministry of Home Affairs works in close coordination with other Ministries for optimum implementation of the flagship schemes of those Ministries in LWE affected areas. Apart from the flagship schemes of various ministries, specific schemes have also been implemented for LWE affected areas, wherein special emphasis has been given on expansion of road network, improving telecommunications, educational empowerment and financial inclusion in LWE affected areas.

More than 11,600 km roads have been constructed in LWE affected areas under two specific schemes.

For improving telecommunication connectivity, 2,343 mobile towers have been installed and work order issued for another 2,542. Rs 3105 crore has been released to the Most LWE Affected Districts under 'Special Central Assistance (SCA)' scheme to fill critical gaps in public infrastructure and services. Under this scheme, various types of projects have been undertaken like road repair, improvement in health infrastructure, education related projects, rural infrastructure projects etc.

Further towards educational empowerment, 47 Industrial Training Institutes and 68 Skill Development Centers have been approved under "Skill Development Scheme in 47 Districts affected by LWE".

For financial inclusion, 1,258 Bank Branches, 1,348 ATMs and 22,202 Banking Correspondents have been established in Most LWE Affected Districts and 4,903 Post Offices have been opened in 90 LWE affected districts in the last seven years.