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Naxal violence reduced by 77% in 2021, from all-time high in 2009: MHA

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NEW DELHI: Eleven security personnel were killed in Left-wing extremism incidents in the first half of this year, against 50 in the entire 2021, 43 in 2020 and 52 in 2019, according to the home ministry.

Replying to a question in the Rajya Sabha, MoS (home) Nityanand Rai shared that Chhattisgarh accounted for more than half (6) of the force personnel martyred on account of Maoist violence; while Odisha and Jharkhand respectively saw 3 and 2 fatalities among the security personnel manning the counter-Naxal grid.

Rai informed the Elders that “steadfast implementation of the national policy and action plan to address Left wing extremism” had led to 77% fall in LWE violence from 2258 incidents in 2009 to 509 incidents in 2021.

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Similarly, the fatalities among civilians and security forces declined by 85% from an all-time high of 1005 in 2010 to 147 in 2021. Even the geographical spread of Maoists' influence was shrinking, with districts most affected by LWE having come down to 25 in 2021 from 30 in 2018 and the number of districts covered under the security reimbursement expenditure scheme (SRE) down to 70 in July 2021 from 90 in April 2018.