Decision on Red Corridor Region

Why in news?

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Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) has redrawn the red corridor region which are affected by Left-wing extremism.

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What is a red corridor region?

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- Red corridor region is demarcated by the union government to notify the districts which are affected by left wing extremism.
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- It is spanning across 106 districts in 10 States, namely Bihar, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.
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What is the recent decision on red corridor region?

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- A recent report of MoHA classifies the red corridor region with respect to the severity of the Naxal influence.
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- The three main categories are -
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1. **Severely affected -** Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Bihar
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2. **Partially affected -** West Bengal, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh
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3. **Slightly affected -** Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh

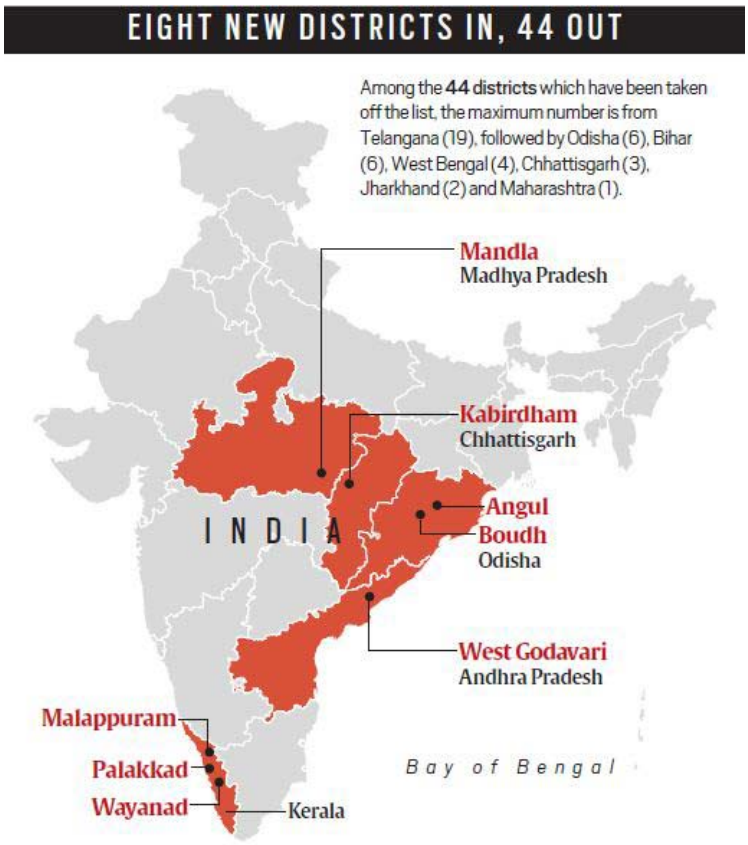
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- 44 districts have been removed from the list and eight new districts which could be slightly or partially affected has been added to the list.
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- The recent decision is taken since only 30 worst affected districts account for 90% of the LWE violence.
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What were the actions taken by government to tackle LWE?

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- The National Policy & Action Plan constituted by the MoHA had been introduced to reduce the concentration of Naxal affected districts.
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- All expenses incurred by the affected areas were covered under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme.
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- This provides funds for projects related to development such as

infrastructure, transportation, communication, bridges and schools.
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- Under which mobile towers, boarding schools and roads were installed in LWE affected areas.
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- Government also aims for a multi-pronged strategy which primarily includes development and security aspects of affected districts.
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