

PROACTIVE involvement of state governments is one of the best possible ways to combat Maoist insurgency in the country - Analyse (1)

Left wing extremism, over half a century has reduced drastically in its geographical spread of 30 most-affected districts in India. This is attributed primarily to multipronged strategy involving development and security undertaken by state governments, assisted intensely by SRE → SECURITY RELATED EXPENDITURE of central government.

Proactive role of state governments

1) Police force modernisation :-

→ 'Police' is a state subject. Force modernisation, coupled with terrain oriented training has led to effective operations against insurgent groups.

→ This involves securing hostile areas, monitoring, terrain mapping, warning systems; district forest groups (DFG)

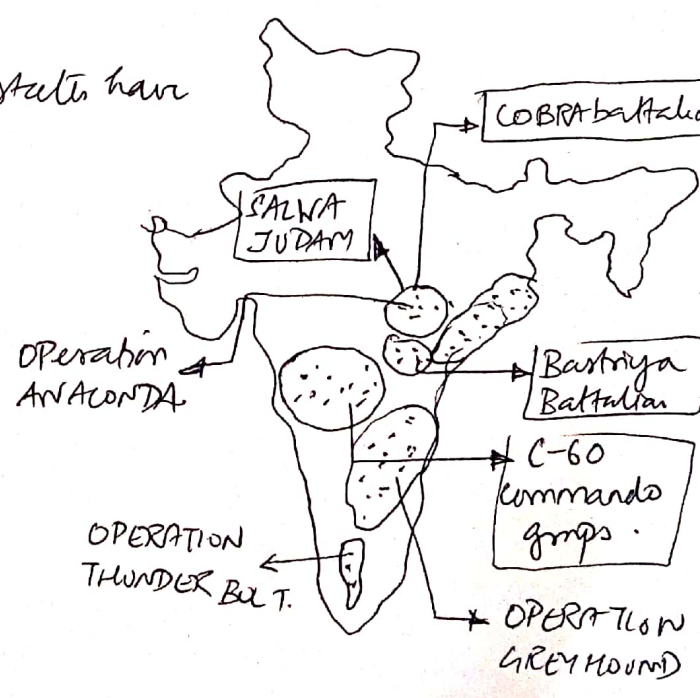
2) Security OPERATION and Training

→ State governments in Maoist-affected states have created dedicated OPERATION, that has substantially reduced Maoist

eg: Greyhound operation → skilled, precision fighters that wiped Maoists in regions of Andhra Pradesh.

→ local language and terrain knowledge offer advantages.

→ SALMA JUDAAM of Chhatgash, inducted people affected by extremism to weed out Maoism in regions.



COMBATING INSURGENCY

3) Political Will → Good governance
Measures

- Government of Andhra Pradesh had introduced 'MOTHER INDIRA' scheme for providing alternate livelihood for tribal and landless poor in LWE affected areas.
- Direct interaction of Chief Minister with people of Jangal Mahal village of West Bengal provided morale support and desensitization.
- Populist measures for vote bank politics in a way has ensured internal security

4) Surrender and Rehabilitation Packages

- Provided by combined efforts of centre and state governments,
- It involves education, housing, employment benefits under MAMRECA.
- 'Tribal development focus' and education programmes in Orissa helped insurgents to surrender.

5) Infrastructure Projects and Empowering local self governments

- Road building, telecom connectivity, lighting facilities improves accessibility to denied people, ~~and~~ assimilation with state
- Local government resource and augmentation increases participation and fulfilment of basic needs. eg: Forest monitoring in Kerala, FRA implementation

slew of state government measures colluded with centre's 'National Action Plan on extremism' following the 'SAMADHAN' doctrine have proved to be effective development aids. This can be further enhanced by legislative measures 'Implementation of FRA', land settlement programmes.