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Left Wing Extremism Division

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Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh,
Telangana, West Bengal.
2. Directors General of Police,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand,
Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh,
Telangana, West Bengal.

Subject: Review of Categorization of Districts affected by Left Wing Extremism

As you are aware, the 'National Policy & Action Plan' is being implemented to combat Left Wing Extremism (LWE). The Central and the State Governments have been working closely to tackle this problem. A number of interventions are being made, both security and development related, as a result of which, there has been a marked improvement in the LWE scenario.

2. The categorization of districts provides the basis for deployment of resources under various schemes. The evolving LWE situation necessitates a periodic review of the districts in order to ensure that the focus of anti-LWE efforts remains aligned to the ground realities.
3. The districts covered under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme and the 'Most Affected Districts' were last revised in 2018. A comprehensive review has again been undertaken in consultation with the States. During the review, 23 existing SRE Scheme districts have been excluded and 02 new districts have been added. Additionally, 01 district, since it was carved out of the existing SRE district, has been included. As a result, of these changes, the number of SRE districts has come down from 90 in 11 States to 70 in 10 states.
4. Meanwhile, based on the criteria of Maoist violent incidents a separate category of Most Affected Districts was created in 2015 with 35 districts to ensure focused deployment of resources. Subsequently, following a review in 2018, the number of districts was brought down to 30. A fresh review of these districts was undertaken, in which 9 districts were dropped and 4 districts were added to

determine the 25 Most Affected Districts. These districts account for 85% Of all the Maoist violence in the country.

5. Separately, a new category of the 'Districts of Concern' has been added to counter Maoists' spread to new areas and to stop resurgence in the areas where LWE influence is waning. This would address resource gap and consolidate gains in these areas.

6. The list of districts covered under SRE Scheme, those categorized as 'Most Affected LWE Districts' and as 'Districts of Concern' are given below:

(a) **SRE Scheme Districts:** A total of 70 districts in 10 States will now be covered by the SRE Scheme w.e.f. 01 July, 2021. List is as under:

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.	Kerala	03	Malappuram, Palakkad, Wayanad.
6.	Madhya Pradesh	03	Balaghat, Mandla, Dindori.
7.	Maharashtra	02	Gadchiroli, Gondia.
8.	Odisha	10	Bargarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabrangpur, Nuapada, Rayagada, Sundergarh.
9.	Telangana	06	Adilabad, Bhadrachalam-Kothagudem, Jayashankar-Bhupalpally, Komaram-Bheem, Mancherla, Mulugu.
10.	West Bengal	01	Jhargram.
	Total	70	

(b) **Most Affected Districts:** 25 districts in 08 States will now be classified as

'Most Affected LWE Districts. List is as under:

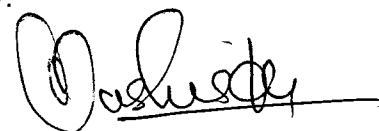
Sl. No.	State	No of Districts	Most Affected LWE Districts
1.	Andhra Pradesh	01	Vishakhapatnam
2.	Bihar	03	Gaya, Jamui, Lakhisarai
3.	Chhattisgarh	07	Bastar, Bijapur, Dantewada, Kanker, Narayanpur, Rajnandgaon, Sukma
4.	Jharkhand	08	Chatra, Giridh, Gumla, Khunti, Latehar, LohardagaSaraikela-Kharaswan, West Singhbhum
5.	Madhya Pradesh	01	Balaghat
6.	Maharashtra	01	Gadchiroli
7.	Odisha	03	Kandhamal, Malkangiri, Kalahandi
8.	Telangana	01	Bhadradi-Kothagudem
	Total	25	

(c) **District of Concern:** 08 districts in 06 States will now be classified as 'District of Concern'. List is as under:

Sl. No.	State	No. of District	Districts of Concern
1.	Bihar	1	Aurangabad
2.	Chhattisgarh	3	Kabirdham, Kondagaon, Mungeli
3.	Jharkhand	1	Garhwa
4.	Kerala	1	Wayanad
5.	Madhya Pradesh	1	Mandla
6.	Odisha	1	Koraput
	Total	8	

8. The total resource envelope will now be utilized in a more focused manner on the districts as per the revised categorization.

9. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.



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