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Extremist menace under control: DGP

Asked about the achievement in the state, he said the police have been working with full satisfaction as they have been able to control the situation.

RANGAIAH REFUTES NTR CHARGE
Clearance for pending
Widespread disillusionment in PWG, says Madhava Reddy

FROM OUR BUREAU

Hyderabad, May 15: Two top Naxals, a district committee member and a central organiser of the outlawed People's War Group surrendered before Home Minister A Madhava Reddy on Friday.

Dasari Balanarasimha alias Linganna, the DCM of Nalgonda district, who joined the PWG in 1989, was involved in several crimes including bus burning, damage to government properties and exchange of fire with police. The second Naxal to surrender, Kota Yun Gagarin alias Suresh, a central organiser of Ongole town, joined the militant outfit in 1993, and was earlier arrested once but jumped bail.

The duo, who were presented at a press conference by the Home Minister, said they surrendered due to the realisation of the futility of violence as well as ill-health. Balanarasimha and Gagarin earned rewards of Rs 3 lakh and Rs 1 lakh respectively on their heads, which would be given to them, Madhava Reddy said.

Claiming that there was widespread disillusionment among the PWG cadres, the Home Minister said that this fact was reflected in the surrender of as many as 100 Naxalites till date. Many more militants were in a mood to surrender, but were being coerced not to come out of the armed movement. As many as 79 activists surrendered in 1997.

There is widespread disillusionment among the PWG cadres. This was reflected in the surrender of over 100 Naxalites. More were in a mood to surrender, but were being coerced to continue in the movement, said Madhava Reddy.

while in 1996, 169 Naxals deserted the PWG.

Reterating his appeal to the Naxalites to join the mainstream, Madhava Reddy said the government was committed to the development of the State in all sectors. "We are trying to improve our financial position by mobilising funds from various quarters such as the World Bank and the Nabard and improve basic needs. Anybody can question the government or agitate for their just demands. But nobody has the right to take law into their hand and obstruct the path of progress," the Minister said.

Assuring that it was not the intention of the government to harass the Naxalites, he, however, said that they should refrain from violence and help in efforts to develop the State.

Director General of Police H J Dora, who was also present at the press conference, claimed that the PWG was a demoralised force now. The outfit hardly had 1,000 armed activists and there were no takers for fresh recruitment, he said.

Dora also claimed that the police force was now better equipped than ever to repulse any attack on them by the Naxalites. "There is a sea-change in the atmosphere. It is not easy to attack a police station now," he said.

Dora said that there had been 62 encounters so far this year, in which 52 extremists were killed and a constable died. Naxals committed 308 offences and murdered 35 persons, including two inspectors of police and five constables. The extremists committed 193 murders in 1997 and 193 in 1996.
are finding it difficult to mobilise people for the gram sabhas and most of the meetings are turning out to be a routine with the officials explaining the development works taken up in the villages in the earlier phases of the programme. However, the general complaint is the severe drinking water crisis in the villages.

The dignitaries, including the Vice-Chairman of the State Planning board Mr M Venkateswarao, the Zilla Parishad chairperson, Ms Shanta Suryakant and Kamareddy MLA Mr G Goverdhan, and officials have not been spared by the villagers during the current phase of the Janmabhoomi. The severe heat wave conditions in the district is also resulting in the poor turnout.

On Wednesday, the Vice-Chairman of the State Planning board along with the Nizamabad MP Mr Gaddam Ganga Reddy, the District Collector, Mr R MGonela and the JB supervisory officer Mr Narasimha Rao attended gram sabhas in Madiherin and Aloor villages of Amrabad assembly constituency. The officials and non-officials were confronted with the problem of drinking water. The village level issues dominated the meeting. The officials assured all possible help to the villagers. Construction of a community hall for the STs house sites for the SCs in Aloor, were assured.

Meanwhile, reports reaching here indicated that the Janmabhoomi programme was hit in several parts of Kamareddy sub-division. The gram sabhas scheduled to be held in Jaldipall, Mombajipet and Bhavanipet villages of Jagampeta were called off after the police failed to give clearance to hold the meetings. The Janmabhoomi monitoring officer and District Cooperative officer Mr Gauthum Rao who visited Lingampet mandal office and held discussions with the officials was told that the gram sabhas could not be held due to the fear of the naxalites.

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No Gram Sabhas
By Our Staff Reporter
NIZAMABAD, May 6.
Suspected naxalites belonging to the PWG Yellareddi area, kidnapped the Tadwal Mandal revenue officer, a Government doctor and two others on Tuesday afternoon from Arugonda village, about 60 km from here, and released them some time later, after warning them against conducting Janmabhoomi programme in villages.

According to reports reaching here, a team of officials visited Arugonda village on Tuesday morning and began the gram sabha near the village dairy development office. A little later, a grenade went off near the venue of the meeting. But the villagers told the officials that it could be a gelatine stick used to blast rock. Another grenade went off after some time, leaving the officials and the assembled gathering in tension.

Even as the officials continued with the meeting, two armed naxalites walked up to the dais and ordered that it be stopped immediately. The villagers resisted the attempts of the naxalites to disrupt the meeting but could not do anything as they were threatened.

Thereafter, they directed the mandal officer, Mr L Parmesham, the Yerrapahad Primary Health Centre doctor, Dr Sudhaker Rao, who was organising a health camp in another part of the village, to accompany them. The naxalites warned the officials that if they did not accompany them, the two jeeps in which they had come to the village would be set ablaze. The two officials were made to sit in a private jeep.

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Police gearing up to take on PWG

From W. Chandrasekhara

HYDERABAD, May 11

The original equation of bullet vs bullet is coming to the fore once again in Andhra Pradesh with both naxalites and the police toughening their stands. Though, ambiguity sounds to be the hallmark of the Government policy, going by the statements of the Home Minister and the Chief Minister, the police have been given clear guidelines to step up pressure on the outlawed People's War Group by their top brass.

The full that set in after the last year's Assembly elections in the PWG activity was broken with the recent encounters in which five members of Kalangi Dalam of Cidcoor district were eliminated. When Palakurthy Dalam leader Sri mammala was killed in an alleged encounter in Warangal district ten days ago, the PWG gave a bandh call for May 10 which was successful in Warangal. A locomotive was burnt down and a telephone exchange and a government guest house were blasted by naxalites in protest against the killing. The property loss is estimated to be around Rs 2 crores.

In the wake of the bandh call, three more members of Palakurthy dalam were eliminated in an encounter near Erunva village on Tuesday night, leading to the apprehensions that more counter-violence would follow.

The total number of naxalites killed in the last fortnight in the district alone is 12, which has led to widespread criticism by civil liberties groups. The groups claimed these to be fake encounters. The naxalites have vowed revenge and retaliations in turn.

Meanwhile, reports suggest that dalmas in Nizamabad and Karimnagar districts have strengthened their organisational network by forming village protection squads. The initial euphoria over the Telugu Desam Government's Rs 2 a kg rice scheme and prohibition policy, being over, as was reflected in the elections to the local bodies - the PWG has stepped up its campaign against the Government through meetings and posters.

The central leadership of the organisation has already sent a word down that the Telugu Desam is as good or as bad as the Congress(I) and hence action may be stepped up, according to the information reaching the police.

Scores of letters have been written to local political leaders to step down from party positions and many have obliged in north Telengana. The strategy of using them to launch agitations to secure release of arrested persons and to prevent combing operations has begun once again.

However, the contradictory statements of the Government might create confusion for the police. The Home Minister, Mr. Indra Reddy, repeatedly asserts that 'bullet for bullet' would be the Government's policy, while the Chief Minister, Mr. N T Rama Rao, himself prefers a softer approach and invites the naxalites for talks.

A recent conference of the North Telengana Superintendents of Police here seems to have decided to adopt its own strategy irrespective of the Government dilemmas. According to sources, the district heads have been pressured to intensify combing operations and contain naxal activity.

The strategy adopted during Assembly elections of detaining surrendered militiants (rather, holding them hostages) might be one of the measures of the police, according to the sources. But this is fraught with the danger of such detainees ending up as victims in fake encounters in the event of any 'action' on part of the naxalites.

Top officials are unhappy with the situation, and like in the past, have indicated their preference for central postings. While Mr. P. K. S. Vyas, and Mahabubnagar SP Mr. Purushottam Reddy, are still fresh in the memory of the officials.

The period of pretension is over and it is back to business now for the police as well as the naxalites.

As there is little indication that the PWG would oblige the Chief Minister with talks, stronger as it has become with the recent successful coal miners' strike of 20 days in Singareni Collieries Company Limited, the State is set to witness fresh violence.
**Naxals blast Srinapalli RS**

**Newflash**

Nizamabad, Dec 30 The militants of the outlawed People's War Group of the People's War Group of the outlawed People's War Group (PWG) stoned a police station in Srinapalli in Nizamabad district on Monday night.

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Nalpara, Dec 30 The police said the Naxalites attacked the telephone exchange in Nalpara village in Warangal district on Monday night.

**Landlord shot by Naxals**

Nalpally, June 10 A landlord was shot dead by the Naxals at his house in Nalpally village.

**Naxals set fire to RTC bus in Nalgonda**

Nalpally, June 9 The Naxals set fire to a RTC bus at Nalpally.

**Naxals set fire to railway station**

Nalpally, Dec 30 The Naxalites set fire to the railway station in Nalpally in Nizamabad district on Monday night.

**RTC bus set ablaze, PWG bid to shoot man**

Nalpally, Feb 24 The PWG attacked an RTC bus in Nalpally.

**Naxals kill priest in Medak**

Medak, Feb 24 The Naxalites attacked a police station in Medak.

**Bus set afire by Naxalites**

Parakala, Dec 30 The Naxalites set fire to a bus in Parakala.

**Naxals blast minister's house, court**

Warangal, Jan 31 The Naxalites attacked the home of the Chief Minister of Telangana.

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The DIG of Police, Mr. K.S. Vyas, was shot dead by the People's War Group (PWG) Naxalites at the sprawling Lal Bahadur Stadium in the heart of the city on Wednesday evening. He was 46. He is survived by his wife, son, and aged mother.

The assailants, who seemed to be aware of the regular jogging of Vyas, who was also the joint director of the State Police Academy, lay in wait to kill him as he ran regularly in his hit list. This is the first time an IPS officer of the DIG rank fell prey to the Naxalite bullets in the State. Following the incident, a red alert has been sounded in the entire State, and security has been further stepped up.

According to eyewitnesses, Mr. and Mrs. Vyas came to the stadium ground at 9 p.m. for jogging. While he was jogging on the track, his gunman was keeping watch near the lamp. The couple were later joined by the SP Commissioner, Mr. Dinesh Reddy (Traffic). He left the stadium after some time, but Vyas continued his exercise.

Everything seemed normal with the stadium grogling to music with sport activities. Over 100 sportsmen and women were engrossed in their regular exercise. And within a few minutes, the peaceful atmosphere was shattered, and the stadium was struck with the terror created by the Naxalites.

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Vyasa’s death a great loss: CM

From Our Bureau

Hyderabad, Feb 8: The Chief Minister, Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu, on Thursday described the death of IPS officer K.S. Vyas as a loss that the police department would feel for a long time. He said Vyas was such a dedicated and brave officer who was a role model for the police force. His death had left a deep void in the police department and in the hearts of those who knew him.

Vyas, who was a Faculty member of the Andhra Pradesh Police Officers Association, had been involved in the investigation of a number of high-profile cases. He was a man of integrity and had a deep commitment to his profession. His death was a great loss to the police department and to all those who knew him.

In a statement, the CM said that Vyas was a great officer and a role model for the police force. He said that Vyas had been a dedicated officer who had worked hard to maintain law and order in the state.

2 Naxals held in Vyas’ murder

From Our Bureau

Hyderabad, Feb 8: The Home Minister, Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu, on Thursday arrested two Naxals in connection with the murder of IPS officer K.S. Vyas. The Naxals were S. Kalluri and D. Jayaram, a member of the Andhra Pradesh Police Officers Association.

The Naxals were arrested as part of investigations into the murder of Vyas. The police had been conducting a wide-ranging investigation into the case, and had arrested several suspects in connection with it.

PV condemns Vyas’ killing

New Delhi, Feb 8: The President, Mr. PV, on Thursday condemned the killing of IPS officer K.S. Vyas. He said that Vyas was a dedicated and brave officer who had served the country with distinction.

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Cong. MLA, 8 officials kidnapped by Naxals

From Our Bureau

Visakhapatnam, Janu: Mr Congress-I MLA P. Balasaheb, an IAS officer and eight other government employees were kidnapped by the outlawed People's War Group from Badaraks village, about 10 km from Kovuru mandal headquarters of Visakhapatnam district at about 4.30 p.m. on Saturday.

They demanded the release of three Naxalite prisoners, including K.S. Ramulu, his wife and Ranjita who were lodged in the Warrangal jail. The Naxalites also burn three jeeps in which the kidnapped persons were traveling.

Mr G.V. Narasimha, Superintendent of Police, Visakhapatnam Rural, talking to Chronicle said that out of the ten kidnapped two were released and instructed them to convey their demands to the district administration and make arrangements for the release of the three Naxalites. They wanted the government to release them within 24 hours.

Mr Narasimha said that in all 30 people went to Kovuru to attend a meeting. After the meeting they went to Badaraks where a check dam was proposed to be constructed to irrigate over 3,000 acres of land. Of the 30 odd people taken were taken by the Naxalites. To a question he said Mr N. Sayyarama, Mandal Development Officer, and Mr M. Bahadur, depot manager, Guntur Co-operative Corporation; Kovuru who were released by the Naxalites reached Kovuru at about 8 p.m. and informed the district administration about their kidnapping. They were on way to Visakhapatnam, carrying the message of the Naxalites.

Mr P. Balasaheb, Chintapalli MLA and former chairman, places Development Corporation, Mr D. Srinivasulu, Project Officer, Integrated Tribal Development Agency, Pedam, Mr G. P. Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Mr S. Channaram, Deputy Manager, O.G.O., Mr Mani, jeep driver, Mr Venkatesh, deputy engineer, Minor Irrigation, Mr P. Pramana, Junior Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Mr R.V. Rama Rao, an agriculture officer, were the eight now held hostage by the Naxalites.

Mr K. Pradeep Chandra, District Collector, who met the Naxalites, said that three Naxalites who were held in the Warrangal jail. He said he had informed the Kidnap incident to the Chief Minister, the Home Minister, the Chief Secretary and other officials in Hyderabad to take necessary action.

Our Hyderabad Bureau adds

The Government is likely to take a decision on Sunday morning on the demands put forth by the Naxalites. The Home Minister, Mr G. V. Narasimha Reddy, was not available for his reaction, but according to sources a meeting of top officials is likely to be convened by the Chief Minister and the Home Minister on Sunday morning to consider the demands of the Naxalites.

The Chief Minister returned to the city from Visakhapatnam on Saturday night and is expected to review the situation on Sunday morning. The situation assumes great urgency as an MLA is also one of the kidnapped, besides several others.

The Home Ministry is understood to have held a meeting with top police officials on late Saturday night to review the situation.
Negotiations with Naxalites on; Govt. refuses to interfere with judicial process and release prisoners in exchange for the kidnapped.

DEADLINE EXTENDED

From P.V. Satyanarayana
Visakhapatnam, Jan 31: After establishing contact with the Naxalites who kidnapped an MLA, a Congress MLA, and eight others, the District Collector, Mr. M.P. Prasad, were negotiating between the Naxalites and the government. The collectors and the government officials who are camping at the Visakhapatnam railway station extended the deadline. The Naxalites on Saturday set a deadline for 30 hours, which would expire at 5 am on Monday, but they have accepted the deadline until Monday evening for the release of three Naxal prisoners, Ramachandrudu and Ramana, who were involved in the murder of an MLA in Andhra Pradesh last week.

There are indications here that the Naxalites might release some of the Naxal prisoners on Monday. The Naxalites are said to be demanding the release of three Naxal prisoners, Ramachandrudu and Ramana, who were involved in the murder of an MLA in Andhra Pradesh last week. The moves are to be taken in coordination with the police in the area.

The Naxalites, who had attacked the police and other government officials, have also threatened to release some of the Naxal prisoners.

Meanwhile, the government has not yet taken any concrete steps to stop the Naxal activities. The government is said to have taken steps to withdraw the strike of police and other government officials. The government is also said to have taken steps to stop the Naxal activities.

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APCLC to mediate on 'human rights issue'

Enter Kannabiran

From M.P. Rabindranath

Nagapattinam, Feb. 24: As the suspense and drama over the fate and safety of the abducted Congress legislators—Mr. P. Balaram and five members of the legislative council—continued, the sixth day of their abduction, the Central Government decided to mediate in the matter between the government and the striking workers.

Mr. Kannabiran, who was appointed to the task of mediating in the matter, arrived in Delhi by a special flight and proceeded to Delhi to begin his task of establishing a link with the authorities and negotiating for the release of the abducted leaders.

It has been reported that the Indian government has agreed to mediate in the matter and that the authorities are ready to release the leaders if they accept the demands of the strikers.

Kannabiran said that the government was ready to negotiate with the strikers and that they would do their best to ensure the safety of the leaders.

He added that the strikers had accepted the government's offer to mediate and that they were ready to negotiate with the government.

The situation has improved, and it is expected that the leaders will be released soon.

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Ranadiv release may take several days

From M.P. Rabindranath

Narsipatnam, Feb. 8: It was a day of sad news for the hostages held by the Naxalites of the People’s War Group and those negotiating for their release. Though Kranti Ranadiv, whose freedom was being sought in exchange for the hostages, was granted bail in one case, his release seems stuck in an intractable legal wrangle. The police force was reportedly strengthened in Koyyuru on Sunday.

These events dampened any hopes that were aroused by the direct contact between the People’s War Group leaders and the Andhra Pradesh Civil Liberties Committee leaders late on Friday night.

The release of Ranadiv has become a complicated legal affair. Since cumbersome inter-State legal formalities are involved in securing bail for Ranadiv, it is delaying his coming out of jail and which in turn is affecting the release of the hostages.

There are high hopes in official and political circles in the Agency area that the hostages might be set free by Thursday. This expectation stems from the fact that the budget session of the State Assembly begins on February 11 and hence the government would not like the impasse to continue. It might have to face rough weather during the assembly session.

However, official sources indicated that the legal wrangle over the release of Ranadiv had not ended with the conditional bail granted on one charge by the Warangal District Additional Sessions Court. On each one of the charges, releasing Ranadiv from the Warangal prison would be out of question. In Warangal, Khammam and designated courts, the bail petitions, Ranadiv would have to be produced over to the Maharashtra police, as Ranadiv was arrested in that state and has been charged there also.

Thus, according to the sources, granting Ranadiv released on bail is going to be a long process that could take two or three more days. The hostage drama will continue until then. If the Naxalites opt for their demand for the release of Ranadiv, the state government has reiterated its stand that it would not interfere in the legal process to obtain Ranadiv’s release.

In Warangal, the Additional District Sessions Judge, T. Anjaneyulu, granted conditional bail to Ranadiv on two sureties of Rs 10,000 each. He has been directed to report at the Khammam police station between 8 and 10 am every day. In Khammam, the bail petition has been posted for hearing on February 10.

Similar applications are expected to be moved in connection with the Naxalites of the People’s War Group, who threatened to shift Ranadiv to the Visakhapatnam Central Jail. It is felt that by shifting Ranadiv to Visakhapatnam, the PWG Naxalites could be convinced about the ‘seriousness’ of the PWG leaders and also the state government, in resolving the hostage ‘drama’. Kamatham, Chief Minister of the government, who was aed to have been ‘sacked’ in this, an exercise in public relations had already begun in the government to downplay the entire issue.
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Official sources in Hyderabad indicated that contrary to the belief of the APCCLC leaders, there was no question of transferring Ranadiv to Visakhapatnam Central jail.

The APCCLC leaders have also addressed letters to the Chief Minister and the PWG ultra, suggesting them not to stand on prestige but to come down on their respective stand on the issue instead of prolonging the agony of the hostages. The hostages should not be subjected to further suffering because of the "issue" between the government and Naxalites, Mr Kannabiran felt.

Speaking to newsmen at Koyyuru, Mr Kannaburan charged that the dithering of the government and differences at various administration level were the root cause for the delay in resolving the issue. Asked to elaborate, he said that some legislators and police were opposed to the whole exercise of accepting to the demands of the ultras. "This is my guess", he said and added that the government was not yet ready to think any terms could be solved by the use of force. In this connection, he was reminded of the idiom "don't talk like a dummy". He said that the government's approach was like tying a dummy for stomach-stomach-agitation.

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Kidnap issue to dominate session

By N. Ravi Kumar

Hyderabad, Feb. 6: The Chief Minister, Mr. K. Vijayabhaskar Reddy, would have his first full budget session on February 11 even as the political situation in the State has remained volatile for the last day.

With the Chief Minister still under the cloud of a series of developments and the Speaker losing control of the Assembly, the session may witness a stormy atmosphere. The opposition parties, particularly the Telugu Desam Party and its allies, especially the CPI, the CPI (M) and the Janata Dal-U, are furious with the government for delaying the release of the hostages.

The crisis and the deteriorating law and order situation in the State, the murder of the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, K.S. Vyas, and the BJP youth leader, Narendra Goud, will be used by the Opposition to call the government's bluff and to press for the release of the hostages.

The Opposition parties, especially the Telugu Desam Party and its allies, have been calling for the release of the hostages, and the chief minister has been under pressure to act. The delay in securing the release of the hostages is a major issue for the government, and it will be a major point of contention in the session.

The government will be under pressure to release the hostages as soon as possible, and it is likely to face criticism for the delay in action. The government is also under pressure to take action against the culprits behind the hostage crisis, and it will have to face questions from the opposition parties on this front.

The session is likely to be marked by a stormy atmosphere, with the opposition parties calling for the release of the hostages and the government looking to prove its mettle in handling the crisis.
Hostage drama may end today

Ranadiv on way to Vizag

From M.P. Rabindranath

Koyyuru, Feb 10: The news of the State govern- ment's announcement that it would shift Naxalite undertrial prisoner Ernest Ranadiv from Warangal to the Visakhapatnam Central Jail without any preconditions, has brought much cheer to the people in this remote village. But, the massive police presence and the secretive-combining operations have left a touch of dread of the unexpected on the 12th day of the Kidnapping of the Congress legislator, Mr. P. Balaramu, and five others.

Informed sources and Ranadiv were being shifted later on Monday to Visakhapatnam by road under heavy police escort after completing all formalities. He is expected to reach Visakhapatnam on Thursday morning.

This follows the State government's decision at a high-level meeting chaired by the Chief Minister, Mr. K. Vijayabaskara Reddy, immediately on his return from New Delhi to release Ranadiv. The Naxalite, a senior member of the APLC, was shifted unconditionally from Warangal to Visakhapatnam.

There was no contact with the police officials on the day of the shift of Ranadiv. The authorities have reportedly advised the government to keep the abducted armed underground party leader, Mr. K. Vijayabaskara Reddy, in the Visakhapatnam Central Jail.

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Free Ramadiv, urge APCI leaders

From P.V. Satyanarayana,

Counsellor, June 11. The APCI leaders have sent a message to the Chief Minister, Mr. B. Vidyasagar Rao, to expedite the process of obtaining bail for Narmadiv. They said that the policy of obtaining bail, which has already been granted, should be expedited. They also suggested that the police force should be withdrawn from the areas where Ramadiv was arrested. They added that the police force should be withdrawn to make it possible for the police to establish contact with Narmadiv.

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Home Minister Mysoor Reddy shows off the arms recovered during raids on Naxalite hide-outs on Thursday and Friday.

Naxals shift hide-out

From M.P. Rabindranath

Koyyuru, Feb 13: The People's War Group Naxalites, still holding the Congress legislator, Mr. G. Balasaheb, and the Gurpur Cooperative Credit Manager, Mr. G. Chinnam Raju hostage, seemed to have ventured further into the forests, making it difficult to establish contact with them to resumption of talks to resolve the long-standing crisis.

The shifting of the extremists to a new, and possibly more secure, hide-out in the interior hills termina-

nal was learnt by the Andhra Pradesh Civil Liberties Committee leaders on Saturday. After their five-hour expedition in the forests to track them turned out to be only a waste of time, they were left with nothing.

Though disappointed over the breakdown in talks with the Naxalites, the APCLC president, Mr. V. S. Reddy, were hopeful of a breakthrough during the meet on Sunday, with the resumption of talks.

They have already waited for three days to receive some message from the extremists. When no such development seemed to be in sight, the four APCLC leaders on Saturday decided to try and establish contact on their own. The authorities have promised to resume security forces.

With a safe passage thus provided, the APCLC leaders left Koyyuru's Bliss Inn, 7 a.m. and trekked for nearly 20 km. Even as they were determinedly continuing their journey in the wilderness, they were met midway, and advised them to return. They were told that since the extremists, along with their hostages, had moved to a new destination, it would be impossible to contact them only after two or three days. The four returned to Koyyuru at night.

In the meantime, the special emissaries of the government, Mr. G. Arun Rao and Mr. D. V. Sabha Reddy, were anxiously awaiting their return in the Mandal Parishad office at Koyyuru.

As everyone was waiting for the impasse to end, every passing hour heightened the tension and suspense. The three MPs, Mr. V. S. Reddy, Mr. A. V. Ramanna, and Mr. K. V. R. Ramanna, and the party leaders, Mr. V. S. Arun Rao, Mr. V. S. Reddy, and Mr. K. V. R. Ramanna, were kept waiting.

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Jagdishrath, Raju, also awaited for the arrival of the APELC leaders-with some good news:

The police and the legislators are
also understood to have been making their own efforts through their own sources and the Gyan leaders, in order to resume talks to persuade the PWO leaders to release the two hostages unconditionally. This excuse of the ruling party leaders seemed to be an attempt to get the bail application cleared. The release of Kranti Ranade, now lodged in Visakhapatnam Central Jail, does not have any bearing on the case.

Mr. Kannabiran wanted the Home Minister to be restrained from making irresponsible comments on a delicate and sensitive issue pertaining to human lives. He wanted that the police force in the area where the hostages are freed, every time he makes a statement, he retracts it immediately. Nobody is controlling him or he may not be amenable to control.

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APCLC leaders return

From M.P. Babindranath

Narasapuram, Feb 18: Nothing materialised from the Naxalites on Tuesday, despite their priori-leise late Sunday night that they would meet, in touch, with the APCLC leaders. The Congress legislators, Mr P Bhakatjulu, and the Garjana, Cooperative Corporation. Divisional Manager, Mr P. Chandra Raja, spent their 18th day in captivity, even at a man in the centre of the drama, the Naxalite leader Kranthi Ramaditya, whose release the Naxalites are demanding, rested in his cell in the Visakhapatnam Central Jail, less than 150 km away.

It was a long and fruitless wait for the APCLC president, Mr K.G. Kannabhiram, and secretary, Dr K. Raghugopal, the State government's

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Unconditional release ends 22-day kidnap drama

BALARAJU FREED

From Our Bureau

Narasipatnam, Feb. 21: The People's War Group Naxalites ended the kidnap drama by unconditionally releasing their last two hostages on Saturday night. The hostages, the Congress legislator, Mr. P. Ramprasad Balrajju, and the Gidjan Cooperative Corporation Divisional Manager, Mr. S. Chinnan Raju, walked to freedom at 5 a.m. on Sunday, from the forests off Koyyuru, where they were held hostage for 22 days.

The decision to release the hostages was apparently taken at 4 p.m. on Saturday. At 6 p.m., Mr. Balrajju and Mr. Chinnam Raju were asked to be ready to move. They were given five letters, addressed to the Vishakhapatnam District Collector, Mr. K. Pradeep Chandra, the Project Officer of the Integrated Tribal Development Agency (who was also kidnapped on January 30), Mr. Dasari Praveen, the Congress leader, Mr. Dr. Ramakrishna, and the Gidjan Cooperative Corporation Divisional Manager, Mr. K. Ramakrishna, and the priests.

At about 6:30 p.m., the hostages, accompanied by their captors, began a trek through the forest region that lasted over 12 hours. In all, the hostages said, they had walked nearly 40 km through the jungles. They were left near Chittarvankalpam, 3 km from where the Naxalites disappeared into the forests.

Mr. Balrajju and Mr. Chinnam Raju, who were walking towards Koyyuru, were identified by some tribal police participating in the search for the hostages. They were brought to the residence of the former MLA, Mr. M.V.V. Sathyarayana, in Rajendrapalem, close to Koyyuru.

From Rajendrapalem, they were escorted to the Koyyuru guest house, where the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Mr. K. Satyendra, was camping. Mr. Balrajju spoke on the telephone to Mr. Chandram at Vishakhapatnam, who was in Narasipatnam. He also called up the Congress MPs, Mr. Dronam Pilli Sathyarayana and Mr. Kanthala Ramakrishna, at Vishakhapatnam and Narasipatnam respectively.

On his way, he was mobbed by tribes, who shouted slogans like 'Balrajju Zindabad' and 'Dronam Pilli Sathyarayana Zindabad'.

Mr. Balrajju and Mr. Chinnam Raju left for Narasipatnam by car. On route, they were met by Mr. Pradeep Chandra and Mr. Ramakrishna, who were heiress for Koyyuru. Mr. Balrajju went to his house where he was reunited with his wife, his two children, relatives and friends.

After a brief stay, Mr. Balrajju and Mr. Chinnam Raju were taken to the guest house by the Collector for a debriefing session, with Mr. Ramakrishna, Mr. K. Vijayakumar, the Chief Minister, Mr. K.V. Vishwanath Reddy, and others.

Mr. Balrajju and Mr. Chinnam Raju were driven back to Narasipatnam, where they resumed normal life:

Talking about his experiences in captivity at an impromptu press conference, Mr. Balrajju said: "Their need to discuss State political and developmental activities in the tribal areas with his captors.

Mr. Balrajju's shoes were torn apart while walking through the jungles, and his wife, Mrs. P. Radhakumari, was stranded at the guest house. Later, Mr. Balrajju handed over the letters from the Naxalites.

The Congress MP, Dr. K. Ramakrishna, said that the hostages should be released unconditionally and that the government should be held accountable for the delay. He asserted that the government had been negligence in handling the crisis.

Mr. Balrajju and Mr. Chinnam Raju were met by Mr. Ramakrishna and several Congress party leaders and well-wishers arrived at the guest house. Mr. Balrajju was greeted by Mr. Sathyarayana, who was tears of joy.

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Balaraju freed

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He said the hostages were looked after well. They released following appeals for their release by a number of MPs, Ministers, MLA’s and APCLC leaders.

Mr Balaraju said that his release was delayed because of the technical difficulties in getting the release of Kanakadavunanadu, but he also sometimes felt that the government was not doing its best to release him. ‘I have never asked the government for haste in releasing me. I have only asked for the utmost of care to be taken of me and my family. I have never asked for anything extra. I have only asked for my release and I am sure the government will release me soon.’

Mr Balaraju also said that he was considering whether he should continue his fast in support of the hostage released, Kanakadavunanadu.

He read out the letter given to them by Ramakrishnan, the FBI’s chief in India, which contained the demands of the hostage and the government. He also added that the government was not doing its best to release him.

The government also appealed to the hostages to release Balaraju. ‘We have no belief in government and we have no confidence in the government to keep its promise,’ they said.

However, the hostages said that they would continue their fast if the government kept its promise of releasing Balaraju.

The hostages also said that they had given an assurance to the government to keep its promise and release Kanakadavunanadu.

Mr Balaraju also said that he was confident that the government would release him, and he had been assured that he would be released immediately after the hostage was released.

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CM's tough stand pays

From Our Bureau

It was an occasion for celebration in the police headquarters when the Home Minister, Mr. K. Vijaya Kumar Reddy, announced that the Naxalite leader, Mr. B.C. Varma, had been released.

The Home Minister said that the release of Varma was a significant step towards understanding the problem of terrorist activities in the state.

The police had taken all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of the released leader. He was to be handed over to the Naxalite organization in a neutral zone.

The release was hailed by politicians and the public alike, who expressed relief at the end of a long and bitter conflict.

The Home Minister, who met the released leader, emphasized the importance of dialogue and understanding in resolving such conflicts.

The police, too, were praised for their professionalism and dedication during the operation.

The release of Varma was seen as a positive development in the ongoing efforts to bring peace to the state.

The government expressed its commitment to continuing the dialogue process with all stakeholders to address the root causes of such conflicts.
Ranadiv rejoin PWG

From Our Bureau

Visakhapatnam, Feb 28: The top Naziite leader, Kanti Ranadiv, rejoined his comrades of the People's War Group in the Koyyuru Manasa jungles on Thursday afternoon, following his release after a month's imprisonment. The APCLC leaders, who had been awaiting the leader's release, were ecstatic and arranged a joyous reception for the leader who had been imprisoned for his role in the Maoist insurgency in Andhra Pradesh. The APCLC leaders, including Mr. N. H. Akbar, Mr. Krishnamurthy, and Ms. V. Vaithyanandhi, welcomed Ranadiv with enthusiasm and arranged a grand reception at the APCLC office in Visakhapatnam.

At 12:30 pm, Ranadiv arrived at the APCLC office in a car, accompanied by the APCLC leaders and supporters. The car was met by a large crowd of supporters who had gathered to迎接 the leader's release. The APCLC leaders were overjoyed to see their leader back and arranged a grand welcome ceremony. The APCLC leaders and supporters were elated to see Ranadiv back and congratulated him on hisrelease.

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also stated to have appreciated

the reforms practiced in the jail.
Naxal killed in encounter

By Our Staff Reporter

NIZAMABAD, May 9

A suspected naxalite belonging to the PWG was allegedly killed in an encounter with the police in the outskirts of Yerrapahad village under Tadwal police limits, about 70 km from here, late on Friday night. In the second incident, a youth was shot dead in Markel village of Sadashivnagar mandal, on the charge that the victim was a police informant.

A special police party which on a tip off was combing the forest area near Yerrapahad came across three persons moving under suspicious circumstances. On being challenged one among them reportedly hurled a grenade at the police party which did not explode. The police fired at the gang resulting in the death of a youth.

The police identified the victim as Sidda Reddy, 28, resident of Chityal village in Tadwara mandal and also sub-dalam member of PWG. Two others who were along with Sidda Reddy escaped from the scene of encounter.

The Superintendent of Police, Mr. C V Anand, said Sidda Reddy, in association with Kankala Narayana resident of Kondapur and Santosh Reddy, native of Chityal, had formed a sub-dalam and started operations and terrorised the local landlords and forced them to sell their lands. Many others were warned not to undertake agricultural operations. Kankala Narayana was killed in an encounter with the police in his village sometime ago.

During the just concluded Janamushooma Sidda Reddy and Santosh Reddy, had kidnapped the Tadwal MRO and three others who were participating in the programme. Thus apart from the compact programme they also prevented programmes in Lingampeta mandal this week.

Youth shot dead

In the second incident, reported from Markel village under Sadashivnagar mandal, two suspected PWG naxalites came to the village on a scooter and called out Bal Reddy and shot him dead. He was accused of being a police informant and responsible for the death of Kamareddy central organiser Juhanti Balraju in an encounter last year. Bal Reddy used to stay in front of Bal Raju's house in Markel.

According to reports, the two naxalites went to the house of Bal Reddy and called him out. Watching the movement of the two, the residents reportedly protested against their intrusion of taking Bal Reddy along with them. As the villagers persisted that Bal Reddy should be freed as he was innocent, the naxalites opened fire in the air to scare away the villagers. Later, they took Bal Reddy to some distance and fired two rounds, killing him on the spot.

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PWG Naxal killed in Nizamabad encounter

Tadvai (Nizamabad), May 9: The outlawed People's War Group Yallagudi area upa-dalam member Siddha Reddy (32) was killed in an alleged encounter near Yerrajadla village under Tadvai mandal of Nizamabad district on Sunday night. The body has been sent to the Kamareddy government hospital for post-mortem.

On a tip-off that Naxalites were meeting in the Yerrajadla area, a police patrol led by Bilkur Sub-Inspector T. Lakshminarayana and Tadvai SI Syed Mahmood Ali rushed to the area and launched a combing operation. On seeing the police, Siddha Reddy attempted to flee forcing the police to open fire. The police said the deceased was involved in the murder of Kalai Narayana Reddy of Yellareddy area upa-dalam.

Meanwhile, the family members of Siddha Reddy alleged that the police killed him and cremated him as an encouter. They said police had come on two bikes on Sunday night to their village and thrashed and tortured Siddha Reddy's uncle and cousin to tell them Siddha Reddy's whereabouts. They cut his information after torturing him. Later, they went to Siddha Reddy's house, woke him up and took him away. They then killed him and alleged his victim's kin (Newsflash).

Elections burdening people, boycott them, say Naxalites

Kurutla (Nizamabad), May 9: The People's War Group of Naxalites on Saturday urged the people to boycott the Metpally Assembly by-elections on June 3.

Secretary of PWG Metpally area committee Gangula Venkataswamy alias Ramesh, while interacting with the people, said the political parties and combinations were pre-occupied with settling their internal differences and were least bothered about development and the case of the collapse of the United Front government and the goings-on in the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government at the Centre.

He also spoke against burdening the people with frequent elections.

Criticising the involvement of leaders in various scams, Ramesh said this only highlighted the fact that party leaders were ready to do anything for money.

The PWG leader also flayed the government for "yielding" to the diktats of international lending agencies like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Ramesh asked the people to question their representatives on the spiralling prices of essential commodities and the move towards privatising the public sector undertaking causing concern among the workers.

The PWG leader said the suicide of cotton farmers were due to withdrawal of subsidies.

He regretted that the Opposition was not properly opposing the "anti-people" policies of the TD government and the killing of innocent people in the name of encounters.

Ramesh alleged that Ch. Vidyasagar Rao, who was elected to the Assembly thrice from Metpally and once to the Lok Sabha, had not kept the promises made to the people.

In another statement, Ramesh warned Congress and Telugu Desam aspirants for the Metpally Assembly seat that people would drive them out if they approached them for votes.

214 polling stations in Metpally

Metpally, May 9: Assistant returning officer and Jagirdar divisional officer Sundramohan on Saturday said 214 polling stations for the 162,694 voters in Metpally Assembly constituency of Karimnagar district had been set up for the June 3 by-poll.

He warned that strict action would be taken against those defacing the walls of government offices with graffiti. Those indulging in stacking posters and displaying banners on public property would face action, he added.

Sundramohan said the contestents had to submit the particulars of the expenditure incurred by them daily to the election authorities. Permission would have to be taken for using vehicles for electioneering, he said.

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of the world Americans who are growing and selling products derived from Basmati germplasm without 'prior informed consent' and proper 'material transfer agreements' executed with India and Pakistan, are in fact guilty of stealing our property. The Americans are the second largest rice exporters in the world, if they have not already been overtaken by Vietnam. They earn a large amount of money from the commercial exploitation of rice germplasm which does not belong to them.

The issues in the Neem case are similar. Here too there is an unauthorized use of Indian property. Neem is germplasm belonging to the country. The knowledge of its bactericidal, pesticidal characteristics is the technology owned by the communities in India. The patenting and selling of a Neem-based pesticide by WR Grace is in fact theft of Indian property and Indian technology.

India is a signatory to the Uruguay GATT negotiations. The onus is on India to prove that she is guilty of having made changes in patent laws, the TRIPS agreement and the inclusion of a 10-year transition period for countries having to make changes in patent laws.

Here too there is unauthorised use of Indian Basmati varieties by the Americans. Both India and Pakistan have a substantial interest in protecting Basmati rice as a specialty product specific to the region. India alone exports Basmati rice worth something like Rs 1,500 crore a year. The legal instruments are in place in international conventions. We need only to get our act together and protect our geographically indicated products with the same fierce resoluteness that France displays in protecting the Champagne and Scotland, the Scotch rums.

ANDHRA PRADESH

Victimising Dalits

‘Encounter’ in Palakurthy

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Lifting the ban on the PWG has not put an end to brutal police action on its activities especially, the holding of the popular people’s courts. The ‘encounter’ in Palakurthy recently is a case in point.

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Telugu Desam Party led by N. T. Rama Rao group but the MLA, M. Mallosham, an SC, belongs to the Babu group. In terms of parliamentary constituency this falls under Peddapalli which is being represented by G. Venkat Swamy, union minister for labour. This shows that politically the area is not under the hegemonic control of velamas or reddys. But the village falls under the coal belt area where the PWG has some political base. There is a strong underground-cum-legal trade union movement with an organisation called the Simgaeru Karmika Samathikya (SIKASA) which has a militant trade union network with strong links with the dalants operating underground.

Quite often time the PWG was lifted it resorted to its popular open political activity called ‘praja (peoples) courts’ which the dalant members conduct in full view of the people. It appears that the PWG considered the lifting of the ban as a sort of political freedom granted to the party, as had happened in 1990-91. But in fact, unlike earlier the lifting of ban does not have anything to do with the repression strategy of the police. The police machinery with a tacit understanding with the chief minister decided not to allow praja courts this time, because it was in the praja courts the dalants mutilated several landlords, killed them, allotted lands to the landless and also killed some ordinary people as they were suspected to have been informers. It was also through the praja courts that the PWG was becoming popular.

The other side of the picture is that the PWG activity has been visible in this village for quite some time. The main activity of the dalants was (reported by villagers) centred around enhancement of daily wages distribution of excess land to the landless and resolving the individual and family disputes. Besides these, the PWG established the village development committees to oversee the proper implementation of the government schemes. The dalant which got killed in this encounter is known as ‘Naganna dalant’ (Nagaraju) comprising 11 members including one female militant, all of them belong to SC, OBC castes.

The post-incident developments are also shocking. The chief minister separated the villagers from the dalant members and declared Rs one lakh ex-gratia to the next of kin of those killed. After the Andhra Pradesh Civil Liberties Committee (APCLC) argued that a poor man's life cannot be valued at Rs one lakh, when the state was giving Rs 10 lakh ex-gratia to those who died in air accidents, the CM sanctioned one acre land to each one of them and also promised Rs 14,000 for pucca houses, apart from the money. He also promised jobs to family members in some private concerns.

The police firing also injured 21 people. The police version on this incident was that five villagers died only when the PWG militants opened fire but not because of the police firing. They claim responsibility for the death of PWG activists. However, this story of the police cannot be believed not a single policeman was injured, leave alone killed. The police also claimed that the militants blasted a hand-grenade resulting in civilian killings, but there was no sign of a hand-grenade blast, nor did any villager talk about it. The police did not give the people even a moment's time for disarming before resorting to firing. The police could have warned the villagers to disperse and asked the militants to surrender. If only they had warned the people, casualties would have been less. Even the British under Jalanwalabag General O'Dyer warned people to leave the ground within three minutes before they opened fire. But this massacre on dalitbahujans was committed without any warning nor was there any provocation to open fire. The police even threatened and abused the ZPTC and MPTC members, “We will shoot you down, too — why didn't you inform us about the praja court?” The life of public representatives is also in danger and no political leader seems to match the power of the police in this area.

The village is part of the Pratapam Parliamentary constituency this falls under the leadership of Naganna. From among the dalant members, four died. They were Kondapu Malliah and Kesanbaliaiah from Murrur village who died on the spot. The third militant Bekkam Ramesh from Kukkalagud village, received serious bullet injuries but was not dead. However, in the early hours he was again shot by the police. The lady militant Parvathi from Kanapur mandal received bullet injuries fell into the drainage culvert, but the police identified her and shot her dead in the early hours. Of the nine, only five died on the spot, the remaining four were deliberately killed later on.
Naxal surrenders stage-managed by police

Mahbubnagar, June 4: The latest news seems to widely publicise the surrender of the Dalit commanders and dalit members of the outlawed People's War Group of Naxalites, while the facts are different.

It was alleged that the police brought some Naxalite sympathisers and former Naxalites and declared that they were key PWG persons who had surrendered to them. Some seven to eight former Naxalites who had surrendered told they had dissociated with the PWG long back.

It was alleged that the police officers and sub-inspectors of police arranged body surrenders to get appreciation from their superiors. They pulled the operation of the show on the pretext of information about the former Naxalites who had gone out of the radical organisation long ago for various reasons and were them with the promise of government rehabilitation and declare them as surrendered - Naxalites. ASP (operations) Nago Rao told a press conference on Tuesday that the police were on the look-out for Saravajagir dalit commander and a district committee member that they would arrange their surrenders soon.

The fact was that the Naxalite in question had severed his connections with the PWG and joined the mainstream long ago, but the police wanted to declare him as a Naxalite who had laid down arms and surrendered to the police on that day.

In fact, the whole Naxalite surrender was stage-managed before the Superintendents of Police on Tuesday - said they had come out of the PWG six months earlier. Dasari was the Palagali upa dalit commander. The couple said their ill-health was the reason for their dissociation with the PWG. The police brought the couple and announced that they laid down arms which was a mockery of the government's policy of providing rehabilitation to the genuinely surrendered Naxalites.
Surrender? Not me, says KS

By K V Laxmi Prasad

Hyderabad, March 23 Kondapalli Seetharamaiah, founder of the People's War Group of Naxalites has strongly denied that he had surrendered to the police in an exclusive interview to Deccan Chronicle. Seetharamaiah, popularly known as KS, said there was no need for him to surrender. A malicious campaign is being launched with an ulterior motive against him, he said. He regretted that the Chief Minister, Mr. V. V Rao, also reportedly said at a meeting that he had surrendered. When it was pointed out to him that the Chief Minister had denied having said so, the veteran Naxalite leader said he had not read the CM's denial in any newspaper.

KS was sure that his friend, the Andhra Pradesh Civil Liberties Committee president, Mr. K G Kannabiran, also appeared to believe that he had surrendered. He said that he is the same KS, as radical today as he was in the past. There is no change in his stand and attitude as a revolutionary, he said. He said he was sending his granddaughter, Ms Anuradha, to Mr. Kannabiran to convey this to him and also request him to meet him even while he was in police custody.

The ageing revolutionary said that he should have been remanded to judicial custody and not allowed to go to his native village, as demanded by Mr. Kannabiran and Mr. George Fernandes, Janata Dal MP. He said that he would plead with the judge as and when produced to permit him to meet the press and contradict the reports that he had surrendered.

Seetharamaiah, who had a detailed medical check up at a private hospital on Tuesday morning appeared in good health during the interview which lasted for over 90 minutes and in which he answered questions on a wide range of issues.

Principal, I am not against kidnaps. Sometimes it becomes necessary to kidnap top people or their close relatives in exchange for the release of top Naxal leaders held by the government. In the case of the kidnapping of Mr. P Shiva Shankar, I thought it was a correct decision then to get Niranjan (a Naxal leader) released. But, on coming to know Niranjan's true nature later, I felt it was not a correct decision. Kondapalli Seetharamaiah tells Deccan Chronicle in an exclusive interview.

It is difficult to answer. It is also difficult to quantify the achievements and failures. However, I believe that the violence being mounted by some of our leaders and others is increasing.

How do you justify the violence being mounted against the state by your group? I justify the destruction of State property as long as it does not cause personal damage or harm to individuals. I don't worry if houses are burnt and damage caused to the railways after the people are warned.

Will not burning buses and damaging trains and other public property cause severe hardship to the people and affect developmental activities? This may cause some hardship to the people. But, continuance of these governments is more harmful to society.

What is the alternative? These governments must go first. In their place, the governments in which people have confidence and inspired by the people themselves must come. The second part may be a difficult one. But, completion necessary.

Why did you not use properly the opportunity given to Dr. Manna Reddy's Government to come into the mainstream and propagate your party idee"?

Gui. "Manna Reddy, a cousin of mine repeatedly wrote to my associates stating that Dr. Manna Reddy offered to provide medical treatment for me. Dr. Reddy also reportedly assured him that I would not be arrested and that I would also be provided safe passage after the treatment. I did not believe in these offers as they came from a Chief Minister that turned down due to his failing health during that period. Similarly, I did not believe in the offer made by Dr. Channa Reddy, a Government to the Naxals. The same Government which made some promises was also capable of harming us. I did not want to be in a position to the pretensions of the Government.

Do you wish to say about the absence of your position by Naxals, exterminating your family and piling up arms? I would not agree to the word extermination. We did collect party funds from landlords and the rest may be true that some bad elements joined our party. It was indulged in certain questionable means.

Do you subscribe to the kidnapping and killing of politicians, including popular people like the NTPC president, Thathri Rao and an elderly politician, like T. Havgarracheru? Principally I am not against kidnaps. Sometimes it becomes necessary to kidnap top people or their close relatives to get the release of top Naxal leaders held by the government. The case of the kidnapping of Mr. P Shiva Shankar, the son of Mr. P Shiva Shankar, I thought it was a correct decision then to get Niranjan's (a Naxal leader) release.

Do you agree with the Government to increase the price of petrol, the hike in electricity rates stating that 

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Top PWG leader surrenders before CM

From Our Special Correspondent

HYDERABAD, May 13.

Political Chief Chinta Narappa alias Surathak and Secretary of the Anantapur district unit of the Kondapalli Seetharamiah faction of the People's War Group of naxalites, his wife Indira, and four other underground cadre of the dalm, surrendered before the Chief Minister, Mr. N. T. Rama Rao here on Saturday morning. They laid their arms consisting of one AK-47 assault rifle fitted with silencer along with two magazines and 90 rounds of ammunition, one double barrel gun with 7 cartridges, one 45 revolver, one 38 revolver, a shot gun, a 12-bore tapancha with six cartridges and two hand grenades.

The Chief Minister welcomed their "change of heart" and announced that the Government would ensure safety for them, and take responsibility for their rehabilitation.

Mr. Rama Rao said it was not as if murders were taking place in Rayalaseema but that "murders are taking place on order at the insistence of some influential people, and the people, who commit murders come from the poorer classes of society, who do the job by way of livelihood". To wean such people away from the path of crime, a residential school for children belonging to Kuruba, Boya, Vaddera and Sugali communities would be set up at Penna Abobhim in Anantapur district, with an intake of 2,000 children and Government would give 200 acres of land for such a school.

Mr. Rama Rao announced payment of Rs. 2 lakh each as an gesture to Mr. Chinta Narappa, Rs. 50,000 to Mr. Indira, Rs. 1 lakh each to two central organizers of the PWG, Mr. Sugali Venkatesh alias Nalk and political Narayanaswamy alias Bhaskar. Two other members of the dal, M. Narayana (20) and Goldi Ashok Kumar alias Hari, were given Rs. 50,000 each.

Mr. Narappa said that he organised the PWG in Uruvakonda, Chintam Kohapalli and Puttaparthi areas and organised struggles on the land issue. When the PWG split in 1991, he sided with Mr. Kondapalli Seetharamiah and became secretary of the district committee. "Even today I believe our party ideology and line is good, but the leaders in that party lack the conviction and do not work hard. So, I got disillusioned and decided to surrender," he told reporters.

The Chief Minister handled the hand grenades causing six lines among police officials present, but a security officer took them away from the Chief Minister. The Home Minister, Mr. K. Chandrababu Naidu, the Finance Minister, Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu, the Minister for Civil Supplies, Mr. G. Butchiah Chowdhary, the Director General of Police, Mr. R. K. Raghu, the Additional DG, Law and Order, Mr. H. J. Dorn and the IG. Intelligence, Mr. R.P. Singh, were among the top officials present at the time of surrender.
Couple surrender, but will toe PWG ideology

From Our Special Correspondent

HYDERABAD, Dec 7

Surrender by extremists is normally an event that the police announce with flourish and pride at press meets, with the Home Minister investing the occasion with extra importance by his presence.

But the press meet at the Home Minister’s chambers to announce the surrender of a naxalite couple on Thursday was the kind Mr A Madhava Reddy, in retrospect, would want to avoid. It left the Minister and the police flustered with embarrassment.

Gottam Narender Reddy alias Gopanna, who had worked as central organiser of the People’s War Group in Mulugu area of Warangal district and Airal of Nalgonda district, surrendered — a second time — along with his wife, Kalavathi alias Sobhakka; and Bharatkka. The former carries a reward of Rs. 2 lakhs and his wife, Rs. 20,000.

The couple sounded anything but repentant. Narender Reddy, stated to be involved in four cases of murder and 33 other offences, said they did not regret the killing of Sridhar Reddy, reporter of Udayam newspaper in Nalgonda district, in June 1994, adding the “only mistake was we did not inform the journalists’ union.” They killed Sridhar Reddy because he was a “police informer” and not because of his writings. They believed he was directly responsible for an encounter death.

Gopanna, who did all the talking, said they still subscribed to the PWG ideology, but chose to surrender in order to “lead a peaceful life and stop the police from harassment.” He said he would rather return to the PWG if his health improved, he said “I will think about it but added, as an after-thought, ‘why do you think we surrender if not to settle down.’"

None too happy with the proceedings, Mr Madhava Reddy said Gopanna was under no obligation to surrender. He could return to the mainstream only “if you have faith in democracy.” The Home Minister was even more annoyed when a reporter asked Gopanna which group in the TDP — the Chandrababu Naidu or the NTR faction — enjoyed the support of the PWG and he snapped “both are thieves” (‘Idkurum dongalu’). The Home Minister also discouraged him from answering questions which did not concern him directly, such as the murder of the Congress(I) MP. Maganta Subbarao Reddy.

Gopanna’s replies were in sharp contrast to the police release note circulated at the press conference wherein it was stated that he came out of the party because he was perturbed by the admonition from the PWG for his role in Sridhar Reddy’s murder and was “vexed with the PWG policies and activities.”

Independent secretariat for Legislature staff opposed

HYDERABAD, Dec 7

The A.P Legislative-Assembly Employees Welfare Association, has opposed the move to create an independent secretariat for the Legislature.

At the general body meeting of the association, a resolution was adopted in support of continuance of the present set-up. The Speaker reportedly urged the Independent secretariat as provided under Article 187 (1) & (2) of the Constitution.

Cold spell grips Telangana

HYDERABAD, Dec 7

Chill weather is prevailing over parts of Telangana due to a big drop in night temperatures, according to Thursday’s weather summary from the Hyderabad Meteorological Centre. While the coal town of Ramagundam, Karimnagar district, recorded the lowest minimum — 12 degrees Celsius, in Hyderabad the temperature dropped by three degrees overnight to about 18 degrees.

C. The Midi Centre’s Director, Mr P. V Ram Rao, expects a further two degrees fall in the night temperature in Hyderabad for which the seasonal minimum is 16 degrees. The chill weather, attributed to ‘dry northern winds’, is likely to continue for two to three days more.
Inwards

The policy towards the Naxalites of successive governments of Andhra Pradesh, "Congress for a Casteless Desam", has been whimsical, to say the least. They have neither the perception nor strategy to deal with these extremists who have been systematically annihilating those they consider anti-people, apart from indulging in large-scale violence and ruining public property. When M. N. Rama Rao assumed office, he exclaimed to his cabinet, "Brothers, do whatever it takes, but do not let them take over!" It was not long before his government, emboldened by the return of the Congress to power, embarked on strengthening the police, with the institution of Grey Hounds and issue of better equipment. The result was the formation of the People's War Group (PWG), which has become one of the most active and well-organized militant groups. It has a cadre well-trained in guerrilla tactics, landmining, and the like, and over the last decade it has claimed the lives of over 100 police personnel. The uniformed men seemed no match for the PWG on certain occasions.

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The present government has not revealed whether it will renew the ban or allow the PWG to function freely. Meanwhile, Mr N. T. Rama Rao has extended an open invitation to them for unconditional talks. The Chief Minister wants the Naxalites to open their hearts and express their feelings. It is hard to fathom the mind of the Chief Minister and his invitation is vague as it does not touch upon basic issues. Any talks, if held at all, are bound to be futile unless the government comes forward with a policy regarding agrarian issues, tribal problems, and traditional elements. The PWG's acts of violence cannot be condensible, but these are the issues that constitute their plank. Has the government any plan to end the type of exploitation that the PWG harps on?

Ministers speak in different tones. The Home Minister, Mr Indra Reddy, talks bravely of dealing with Naxalites, but his esteemed colleague, Mr Kallam Hari, threatens resignation if the police continue with their "take no prisoners" policy in his native district of Warangal! Evidently, he is under pressure from the PWG. There is no let-up in the Naxalite violence, after a lull they are at it with renewed vigour. The idea that, with the split between Gana pathal and Kondapalli Seetharamaiah, the PWG has broken apart is wide of the mark. The PWG on its part must accept the democratic way of functioning within the confines of the law. As no government can be expected to stand idly in the face of a spate of murders and destruction of public property.
An outrage

THE DAFASTLY KILLING of Magunta Subbarao Reddy, member of the Lok Sabha, from Andhra Pradesh, has sent shock waves all over the country. He rose to become one of the most popular industrialists in the State starting literally from scratch only a few years ago. It was more the manner of his death that has stunned the people, and reports confirm the close involvement of the naxalites belonging to the People's War Group (PWG) in the brutal murder right in his residence in his home town of Ongole. The PWG is known to be extorting money from the so-called affluent sections and they are exploiting the professionals such as law and medicine in different parts of the State.

Subbarao Reddy may not have been an exception nor are there any indications as to when and whether at all he had rubbed them on the wrong side. His rise to influence and power which money gives might have irked some of the elements opposed to him. This is an aspect which can not have crossed his mind considering the fact that he was one of the most accessible politicians in the State. Else he could have taken the elementary precaution of guarding himself better.

The PWG is no doubt notorious for its murderous activities and the way it had done to death several persons including maulal chiefs, in some districts spoke volumes of the treachery of an ideological warfare it has been indulging in. The naxalites have lied in the Telengana districts to present a Robin Hood type of image and having acquired a foothold among the villagers, they are known to have perpetrated the worst crimes only to promote their own interests and for self-aggrandisement. How exactly Subbarao Reddy stood in their way is not clear nor could one venture to suggest what benefits the PWG was going to get by eliminating Subbarao Reddy from the political scene. In any case, the Congress(I) is not in power in Andhra Pradesh and therefore, the chances of the PWG promoting its cause by assassinating Subbarao Reddy seem to be very remote. The ban on the PWG, which was in operation till a few months ago has not been renewed in the hope that the outfit would mend its ways even as some of the misguided youth who had joined the militant organisation would reverse their decision and come back to the mainstream of national life.

The fatal attack on Subbarao Reddy bodes ill for this expectation and there is no reason why the Government should have to pursue any more a "wait and see" policy in dealing with the naxalites. For long, the police and public property were the primary targets even though there were incidents of selective killings as in instances, when a group of naxalites killed Hayagirivada, former Minister, in Warangal a few years ago. He was a soft target but it had helped the naxalites to mark their presence even if it meant that a wholly innocent man was working for the upliftment of the downtrodden in the rural areas was done to death. The naxalites seem to have lost their ideological perspective, they do not have a worthwhile cause to pursue and the unemployed youth who join the naxalites are more lured by the gun war they could wield at their pleasure. It is here that Government has to play a more active role in creating conditions under which the naxalites do not thrive. The PWG itself was a dead house till some time ago and the exit of Koppall Seetharamiah who was regarded as father figure of the revolutionary movement have not led to any real change in the PWG. Today the PWG is nothing more than a militant organisation with all its baneful activities. The police have to use restraint in dealing with the various elements in the hope that they could be persuaded to undergo a change of heart. Subbarao Reddy's violent death is a lesson to authorities that they cannot take things granted.

Dealing with the naxalites

THE RESURRECTION of the naxalite movement in Andhra Pradesh especially in the last few weeks, is a matter of deep concern. The movement has unleashed the worst violence during recent times. First it was the killing of Magunta Subbarao Reddy, a member of the Lok Sabha, followed within a few days by the murder of a mandal pradhu prabhavasal at and three others in a village not far from Hudco, after they were whisked away at gunpoint. The latest incident in which the People's War Group attacked a police station in the Home Minister Mr A Madhava Reddi's native district of Nalgonda clearly sends the message that some of the dalams (groups) belonging to the PWG are definitely on the warpath. The killing of the last man on the organisation by the former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Mr N. T. Rama Rao, soon after he came to power, is an indication that something might have been learned from the earlier imbroglios.

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The State Government at one time gave a free hand to the police to liquidate the PWG led by Koppall Seetharamiah who was considered a failure figure in the revolutionary outfit. His departure did weaken the outfit but only recently the PWG regrouped itself to activate the organisation. It is also true that the PWG has spread its activities to the other districts in the coastal and interior parts of the State and it has been instrumental in distributing land to the landless poor even as its praja (people's) courts (add whether at all he had nibbed them on the wrong side. His rise to influence and power which money gives might have irked some of the elements opposed to him. This is an aspect which can not have crossed his mind considering the fact that he was one of the most accessible politicians in the State. Else he could have taken the elementary precaution of guarding himself better.

The PWG is no doubt notorious for its murderous activities and the way it had done to death several persons including maulal chiefs, in some districts spoke volumes of the treachery of an ideological warfare it has been indulging in. The naxalites have lied in the Telengana districts to present a Robin Hood type of image and having acquired a foothold among the villagers, they are known to have perpetrated the worst crimes only to promote their own interests and for self-aggrandisement. How exactly Subbarao Reddy stood in their way is not clear nor could one venture to suggest what benefits the PWG was going to get by eliminating Subbarao Reddy from the political scene. In any case, the Congress(I) is not in power in Andhra Pradesh and therefore, the chances of the PWG promoting its cause by assassinating Subbarao Reddy seem to be very remote. The ban on the PWG, which was in operation till a few months ago has not been renewed in the hope that the outfit would mend its ways even as some of the misguided youth who had joined the militant organisation would reverse their decision and come back to the mainstream of national life.

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சேர் தேர் சந்திருக்கு?

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