



Special Incentives for 'Maoism free' Panchayats

Why in News?

The Chhattisgarh government has introduced a scheme to incentivize **Maoist** surrenders in Bastar, providing **Rs 1 crore** in **construction projects and other benefits to panchayats** designated as **"Maoism-free."**

Key Points

- **Maoist Surrender Requirement:**
 - The state Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma announced that under **the Elvad Panchayat Abhiyan**, a panchayat must **ensure the surrender of all residents involved in Naxal activities**. After this, the village can submit a proposal to be declared "Maoism-free."
- **Incentives for Maoism-Free Panchayats:**
 - Immediate sanction of **Rs 1 crore for construction projects**.
 - **Installation of mobile towers or signal transmission** from nearby towers to improve network access.
 - **Extension of electricity lines to the panchayat**, with **solar lighting** as a temporary measure until grid connections are established.
- **Comparison with ODF Villages and Rehabilitation Policy:**
 - The Deputy CM compared the initiative to **the Open Defecation-Free (ODF) village campaign**, emphasizing collective community participation.
 - He also highlighted provisions of **the Chhattisgarh Naxal Surrender/Victim Relief and Rehabilitation Policy-2025**, which includes:
 - **Skill Development:** Training for surrendered Maoists.
 - **Housing and Land Allocation:** Under the **PM Housing Scheme**.
 - **Financial Assistance:** Additional relief measures for rehabilitation.

Maoism

- **About:**
 - Maoism is a form of communism developed by **Mao Tse Tung**. It is a doctrine to capture State power through a combination of **armed insurgency, mass mobilization and strategic alliances**.
 - Mao called this process, the **'Protracted People's War'**, where the emphasis is on **'military line'** to capture power.
- **Maoist Ideology:**
 - The central theme of Maoist ideology is the use of **violence and armed insurrection** as a means to capture State power.
 - **'Bearing of arms is non-negotiable'** as per the Maoist insurgency doctrine.
- **Indian Maoists:**
 - The largest and the most violent Maoist formation in India is the **Communist Party of India (Maoist)** formed in 2004.
 - The **CPI (Maoist) and its front organizations** were banned under **the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967**.
 - Front Organizations are the **off-shoots** of the parent Maoist party, which professes a

separate existence **to escape legal liability.**

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