

Editorial

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Is SoO serving its purpose?

The various strategies of the Union and state government for restoring peace in the region too contain the mushrooming groups of insurgents from their armed struggles, while being laudable, cannot be helped but take it with a pinch of salt.

The ongoing Suspension of Operation and the cease fire with a number of organizations which have laid down arms to return to mainstream society have turned up quite a few challenges till date, often with conflicting interests with the society. The present arrangement by the Government regarding the issue is evidently nothing more than a mere ploy to buy time without a comprehensive plan or foresight. As per government record 27 underground groups operating in the region have signed the Suspension of operation with the government. Of this 7 groups belongs to KNO and their strength is 1122; 6 groups belongs to UPF and their cadre strength is 1059; the remaining 14 groups belongs to various factions of KCPs and others including UPPK. The total amount spent for KNO and UPF is Rs. 7,85,16,000/annually as per statement by the Chief Minister of Manipur in the last state assembly session.

Going by the developments, it is evident that the real and vital component of making efforts to identify and address the genesis of the protracted issue has been lost in the melee. Worse still, is it a case of deliberate and convenient oversight? The often uncomfortable disclosures of the not-so-secret nexus between the elected representatives and various armed insurgent groups definitely suggest so. It goes without saying that a volatile and restive society hinders development and renders any effort for progress unachievable. The unofficial yet established understanding of allocating fixed percentages for different proscribed groups from all the funds allocated for development works in the state, along with the unaccounted amount a contractor has to shell out for the various staffs of the department under which a particular work has been allocated has come to be an accepted norm.

Working under such a situation, the contractor has taken to cutting corners to make profits as the concern authorities, having pocketed their personal considerations, conveniently looked the other way. The result is for all to see, and sometimes, unfortunate enough to feel it - crumbling bridges and cracked buildings, broken roads and seeping walls, the ensuing and never ending blame game further confusing the exasperated public.

That a majority of these groups, if not all, have turned the uncertain and unstable situation of the state into a lucrative business, preying on the fear and doubts of the common people, while those in power used the situation to enrich themselves. Unless this cycle of deception and lies is put to halt, the purported attempt of the government is destined to fail right from the outset. There has record of a cadre belonging to these groups killing a youth and teenage girl in Moreh.

Only a transparent, proactive and upright Government brave enough to admit it's mistakes, analyze constructive criticisms, make a stand and deliver on its promises will make any headway towards peace. As long as there is vested interest and perceptions of undue personal accumulation of wealth by those in governance, there will always be dissent and disturbances. Creating an atmosphere for entrepreneurs to flourish and create employment opportunities in the state will alleviate the situation in no small measure. An honest, earnest and resolved effort to remedy the ills of the present system will send out a clear intent of the government to the public who are longing for a positive change.

Such a government can definitely expect the support loyalty from the public. If the present Government has any such intent, it must proceed to draw up a detailed roadmap for sustained development and act on it without further ado.

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Malkangiri:

Public meetings of CPI(maoist) attended by 5,000 people

Malkangiri, March 22: In a bid to regain their lost ground in the cut-off region of Malkangiri district, members of CPI-Maoist Korakundah Dalam on Sunday organised a public meeting in Cheruberu forest area bordering Andhra Pradesh. Earlier, they had organised a similar meeting in the area on Saturday. Slamming the State Government for deploying paramilitary and other security forces in the region, rebel leader Ora Nageswar Rao said civic issues such as potable water, electricity and communication hadn't been

addressed in the region. Raising anti-government slogans, the Maoist leader urged the youths to join their outfit, sources said. More than 5,000 tribals, including women, armed with traditional weapons, attended the meetings. Police were clueless about the public meetings, sources added. The Maoist leaders warned the Government of dire consequences for not following the conditions that it had once agreed to implement during the release of then Malkangiri Collector Vineel Krishna.

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Cabinet approves Central Sector "Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry" for sericulture sector

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New Delhi, March 22: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for Central Sector Scheme "Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry" for the next three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20.

The Scheme has four components i. Research & Development (R&D), Training, Transfer of Technology and IT Initiatives ii. Seed Organizations and farmers extension centres iii. Coordination and Market Development for seed, yarn and silk products and iv. Quality Certification System (QCS) by creating amongst others a chain of Silk Testing facilities, Farm based & post-cocoon Technology Up-gradation, and Export Brand Promotion.

Financial Outlay:

A total allocation of Rs.2161.68 Crore has been approved for the implementation of the Scheme for three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20. The scheme will be implemented by the Ministry through Central Silk Board (CSB).

Impact:

The scheme is expected to increase the silk production from the level of 30348 MTs during 2016-17 to 38500 MTs by end of 2019-20 with the following interventions:

- Production of import substitute bivoltine silk to the tune of 8500 MTs per annum by 2020.
- Research & Development to improve productivity from the present level of 100 Kgs to 111 kgs of silk per ha. of plantation by the end of 2019-20.
- Large scale propagation of improved reeling machines (Automatic Reeling Machine for mulberry; improved reeling/spinning machineries and Buniyad reeling machines for Vanya silk) under Make in India programme to produce quality silk to cater to the market demand.

The scheme will promote Women Empowerment and livelihood opportunities to SC/ST and other weaker sections of the society. The scheme will help to increase productive employment from 85 lakhs to 1 crore persons by 2020.

Improvement over the earlier scheme:

The scheme has following improvement over the earlier scheme:

- The scheme aims to achieve self-sufficiency in silk production by 2022. To achieve this, production of high grade silk in India will reach 20,650 MTs by 2022 from the current level of 11,326 MTs thereby reducing imports to Zero.
- For the first time, there is clear focus on improving production of highest grade quality of silk. It is proposed to increase 4A grade silk from the current level of 15% to 25 % of mulberry production by 2020.

(iii) The implementation strategy is clearly based on convergence at the State level with the schemes of other Ministers like MGNREGS of Rural Development, RKVY & PMKSY of Ministry of Agriculture, for maximizing benefits to the sericulturists.

- The R&D projects pertaining to disease resistant silkworm, host plant improvements, productivity enhancing tools and implements for reeling and waving etc. will be done in cooperation with Ministries i.e. Science and Technology, Agriculture and Human Resource Development (HRD).

Details:

The core objective of the scheme is to improve the productivity and quality of silk through R&D intervention. The focus of R&D intervention is to promote improved cross-breed silk and the import substitute Bivoltine silk so that Bivoltine silk production in India enhances to such a level that raw silk imports become nil by 2022 thereby making India self-sufficient in silk.

R&D interventions will include race improvement through development of improved host plant varieties and improved disease resistant silkworm breeds by having collaborative research with reputed National Research organizations like IITs, CSIR, IISc and international research institutes on Sericulture in Japan, China, Bulgaria etc.; Technological advancements with

respect to pre cocoon and post cocoon sectors. Thrust will be given on technology upgradation and making mechanization affordable. Use of silkworm-by-products (pupa) for poultry feed, sericin for cosmetic applications and product diversification into non-woven fabrics, silk denim, silk knit etc. will be given thrust for added value realisation.

Under Seed Sector, Seed Production Units will be equipped and strengthened to bring in quality standards in production network, besides increasing the production capacity to cater to the increased silk production target. Support would be provided for adopted seed rearers to generate quality seed cocoons, private graineurs to produce quality seed and Chawki Rearing Centres (CRCs) with incubation facilities to produce and supply chawki worms. Other efforts will include setting up new Cold storage, providing mobile disinfection units and equipment support for mechanization. Registration process under Seed Act and reporting by seed production centres, basic seed farms and extension centres will be automated by developing web based software. All the beneficiaries under the scheme from silk farmers, seed producers and chawki rearers will be brought on a DBT mode with Aadhaar linkage. A Helpline will be set up for timely redressal of grievances and all outreach programmes.

Brand Promotion of Indian silk will be encouraged through quality certification by Silk Mark not only in the domestic market but in the Export market as well. High quality standards in silkworm seed, cocoon and raw silk will be promoted by setting up Cocoon Testing Centres & Silk Testing Centres. Efforts will be strengthened for collaborating with NIFT and MID for support on design and product development.

CBI files FIR against Kanishk Gold for allegedly cheating 14 banks

New Delhi, March 22: The CBI has registered a case of loan fraud worth 824 crore rupees committed by Chennai-based Kanishk Gold Pvt Ltd and carried out searches.

Officials said, the CBI carried out searches at the official and residential premises of promoters of Kanishk Gold Pvt Ltd yesterday as it launched probe in the 824-crore rupees loan fraud case.

The case has been registered by the CBI on a complaint from the SBI on behalf of the 14-bank consortium. The agency has booked the company Kanishk Gold Pvt Ltd, its promoter Director Bhoopesh Kumar Jain, Directors - Neeta Jain, Tejraj Achha, Ajay Kumar Jain and Sumit Kedia besides unidentified public servants.

The company engaged in

manufacturing gold jewellery which was marketed under the brand name "Krizz" which were sold through distributors till 2014.

But in 2015 it changed its business model to B2B (business-to-business) and started supplying to large retail jewellers, the SBI said in the complaint to the CBI.

The bank has alleged that the company had "misrepresented and falsified" the records and financial statements of the company to show a "rosy picture" since 2009 to avail credit facilities from it. Kanishk Gold Pvt Ltd and its directors allegedly diverted the funds detrimental to the rights and interests of the bank.

The company's account was declared fraud and non-performing asset in 2017-18 by various lending banks.



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