

**STATEMENT MADE BY SRI NARA CHANDRA BABU NAIDU,
CHIEF MINISTER IN RESPECT OF SHORT DISCUSSION
ON "LAW & ORDER SITUATION IN THE STATE".**

Sir,

The overall Law and Order situation in Andhra Pradesh is peaceful and is being continuously monitored by the police department. The activities of the CPI (Maoist), terror organizations and criminal organizations are being continuously watched and steps are being taken to control them effectively and efficiently.

Extremist activities: Andhra Pradesh government has been and will continue to be a beacon in the country to effectively tackle Maoist activities through a two pronged strategy, viz., development strategy and proactive policing. These strategies adopted by Andhra Pradesh Government have yielded many a spectacular result and has reduced naxal activities in most of the 13 Districts. Strong vigil on the naxal activities in the districts of Visakhapatnam and East Godavari is continued. These two districts continue to be vulnerable even today due to a difficult geography, dense forest, non friendly weather conditions and large borders with severely affected districts of Chattisgarh and Odisha. Most of the Maoists have adopted guerilla tactics, i.e. intrude, commit offences and retreat into Chattisgarh and Odisha states.

There has been a steady decline in the Maoist offences due to consistency in the policy adopted by various Governments since 1995. This policy of Andhra Pradesh Government with strong and tactical policing by commando forces like Grey Hounds

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engaging Maoists in the forest areas and proactive development as well as welfare measures have continuously weaned away the youth from joining Maoism. They are instead are looking to the democratically elected Governments for employment opportunities and development. During year 2014, Maoists have committed six offences including one murder as against 18 offences including 4 murders in 2013. Police reports inform that there are 83 underground cadres from the State of Andhra Pradesh and out of this 83, 61 cadres are operating in Andhra Pradesh, while the remaining operates from Chattisgarh and other States.

This Government pledges that they will continue the two pronged strategy of disarming the armed underground cadre while relentlessly developing remote and extremist affected areas and take the welfare measures to the doorsteps of the common man. The Government also proposes to continue to allocate and expend Central and State funds for the development of the people in remote and affected areas. The Government will continue to encourage the surrender and rehabilitation of the Maoists, community policing and educate the common man and the youth regarding the futility of joining naxalism.

Communal scenario: The communal scenario in the State is peaceful and the holy month of Ramzan has passed off peacefully without any untoward incident. This Government will proactively take up the welfare of minority communities and will ensure equitable justice to one and all.

Terrorist Activities: Except for the arrest of Al-Umma cadre on 05-10-2013 at Puttur, there has been no visible terror activity in the State. However, police department continue to maintain constant vigil. Police Department has been directed by the Government to step up security for all the vital installations like, space, defense, nuclear and oil field installations, in view of the long coast line of the State.

Political Violence: After this Govt was sworn in, instructions were given to the Police department to take steps for strict maintenance of law and order. There were unprecedented number of political murders in the last one decade and the factionists in Rayalaseema region eliminated TDP cadre ruthlessly, including the then MLA of Penukonda Sri Paritala Ravi and later his assassins were also eliminated to remove any evidence linking them to the then Political Leadership. Government will not spare any efforts to curb any such politically motivated violence.

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