



MAOIST STRATEGY DOCUMENT: AN ANALYSIS

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The Prime Minister has consistently called Left Wing Extremism (LWE) as India's greatest internal security threat. The threat assessment however, differs : realities. For over a decade, the Indian nation state has seriously underestimated the Maoist threat and under-resourced the battle against this grave mena era, a concerted attempt was made to assert that such a threat simply did not exist. This Ostrich Syndrome led to a decade of neglect which has been Maoists to consolidate their strength in a manner that is now truly a cause for alarm. It was only the present Home Minister's most courageous decisio menace head on that led to a series of probing actions by the Police and Paramilitary forces in West Bengal, Chattisgarh and other states. The disasters s Dantewada have served to highlight the enormity of the Maoist threat about which the Indian State was in total denial till just two years ago. The present courageous non-partisan and nationalist stance (despite egging on by some elements of his own party to step back and blame the opposition State Gc political capital out of a looming national disaster). Like the initial probing attacks against the intruders in Kargil, we may have taken inordinately high casua attacks have served to find and fix the enemy and give us a very rude indication of the menacing growth in Maoist military power. Operation Green Hunt ha up call – one which we can ignore only at our own peril. It should not have taken Operation Green Hunt for us to see the writing on the wall. The Maoist t India's constitutional democratic polity, degrade its armed forces through illegitimate armed groups and seize power to establish a so-called dictator: discredited and discarded ideology that has dismally failed all over the World (and in specific in Russia and China itself) is sought to be imposed on India. Th worse that the "capitalist disease" it seeks to cure. It would be a civilisational catastrophe that would radically transform the Indic civilization from its t mystic outlook and its innately democratic and pacifist orientation to an atheist- materialist ideology and a Maoist militaristic vision that is inordinately blood

The Maoist Blue print for Seizing the State

In 2003-2004 the former Peoples War Group (PWG) and the Maoist Communist Centre(MCC) held a series of confabulations to work out their merger. The met five to six times to exhaustively discuss a seminal document, a blue print for seizing power in India. This document was finalized in Sep 2004, coterminc front running left extremist groups with CPI(M) and is called "Strategy and Tactics for the Indian Revolution". It is a riveting document that lays out a compr the Maoist design to overthrow the Indian State. The document is remarkable for its insights into the politico-military situation in India. In 2004 it had clearl kneed and confused response of the Indian State and drawn up plans to strike back in isolated battles of annihilation, destroy the security force "mouthful t in Dantewada) while the State would dither, debate and discuss whether a military response was at all necessary and the Maoists were not simply "Ghand are methodically exploiting tribal angst to create Base areas for a so-called long term revolution that will overthrow the Indian democratic State. The docur surprisingly accurate in its anticipation of the Indian state's half-hearted responses and the situation that obtains today. The truth is easily ascertained original Maoist strategy document. It is worrisome in its import and its contents must be urgently disseminated in the media and public discourse to alert the nature and existential scope of the Maoist threat.

The Document

"Strategy and Tactics for the Indian Revolution" was finalized in 2004 and constituted a cogently analysed road map/Blue print for unleashing a so-called Rec simple citing of some excerpts from this chilling document should serve to highlight the clear and present danger that we have underestimated so grossly for

This document is divided into 13 chapters. Chapter 6, 7 and 10 clearly define the Maoist Strategy and long term perspective plan and merit serious study and **Maoist Objectives** Chapter Six highlights "The central task of the Indian Revolution is the seizure of political power. To accomplish this, the Indian p organised in the People's Army and will have to wipe out the Armed Forces of the Counter revolutionary Indian State and establish in its place their own state

This plan to destroy the Indian Armed Forces needs to be factored in by the military strategists, while designing a response. There is a widespread feelin Forces that this is not a secessionist movement and hence the Army may not be needed to deal with it. It is, in fact, far worse – it seeks to overthrow the doing so, it seeks to enlist the support of secessionists in J&K and the North East.

Assessment of the setting It is important to analyse how the Maoists assess the holistic strategic setting of India. Chapter Six of this document states "C house of nationalities, where some nationalities are engaged in a bitter struggle against the Indian state to achieve their right of self determination." In ; Committee of the Maoists had correctly forecasted the constraints of the Indian state in employing military forces against the Reds.

"The strength of the Armed Forces of the reactionaries is quite inadequate in the vast country, and communication system makes it quite inconvenient for t the enemy forces."

"A large part of the remote countryside, most advantageous for the establishment of Red liberated areas from the geographical and military point of vie discontented and agitated nationalities and tribes who are engaged in bitter armed confrontation with the Indian state."

"Hence it becomes imperative for the enemy's armed forces to be deployed in large numbers in even wider areas to contain the armed struggle waged by th Lakhs of enemy armed forces have been deployed since long in Kashmir and the North Eastern states."

The guideline document continues, "As a considerable part of the enemy's armed forces will inevitably be engaged against the growing tide of struggles by v will be difficult for the Indian ruling classes to mobilize all their armed forces against our revolutionary war."

The document states, "We are presently in the phase of Strategic Self Defence. At present, the revolutionary movement is advancing in a vast belt of peop the extensive areas of Danda Karanya, Jharkhand, Andhra, Bihar-Orrisa border, North Telangana and Koel-Kaimur. We will be able to build these areas in armed struggle with each area influencing the other."

Considering that this was written in 2004, it very accurately anticipated the situation in 2010.

The Strategy

Political Strategy Maoist political strategy is premised on perceived class conflicts in the present day Indian society. Its chief targets are three fold – “Imperial Comprador Bureaucratic Capitalism.” The struggle, it claims, will be led by the Indian Industrial Proletariat (who will provide the leadership). It will close peasantry – especially the landless poor peasants, tribals as also the urban petit bourgeois and mobilize the people for an armed struggle and build a People's state.

Military Strategy This is premised upon building a People's Liberation Guerilla Army (PLGA) and a People's Militia, establish strong and self-sufficient base areas in the vast countryside (primarily in the deep forested and hilly areas). They will continually expand their base areas in a protracted People's War. It will surround islands in a sea of people). In time the People's Liberation Guerilla Army will be transformed into a regular People's Liberation Army (PLA) to smash the reaction and seize political power through the barrel of a gun. The PLA will capture the cities by resorting to Mobile Warfare and positional warfare.

External Involvement The Maoists are looking forward to external involvement in this battle, which they feel will greatly help their cause. Chapter Six states the revolutionary situation can become even more favourable for the rapid advance of the people's war due to several factors such as a war with the neighbour also looks forward to the possibility of the emergence of revolts amongst the Police, Para-military forces as well as the Army.

Elections Since the strategy hinges on the seizure of power through protracted Peoples War – the document highlights that in the name of preparatory participation in elections will only sabotage the revolutionary movement.

Analysis The document must be thoroughly studied by all those dealing with Indian Security. It contains a wealth of details on Strategy, Tactics, Terminology is a crystal clear Maoist perspective plan and strategy that was evolved in 2004 and chillingly anticipated the chaotic response and situation of today.

Chapter 10 talks in detail of building a People's army. Mao had said, “without a People's Army, the people have nothing” and “political power flows out of the Maoist document states ominously, “The exploiting ruling classes will never relinquish or give up power voluntarily. Without smashing the present state machine constituents of state power, the mercenary armed forces, the instruments of the suppression of the people by ruling classes..... the Indian people cannot escape. Hence, in order to completely smash the state machinery, the building up of the People's Army as the organised armed force of the masses is indispensable.”

There is a clear and palpable menace building out there. The Indian state has so far seriously underestimated the military potential of the Maoist movement. flourish unhindered and establish its so-called Revolutionary Base in the Red Corridor of densely forested hills of Peninsular India. No Guerilla Army could flourish in this terrain. We have a serious fight on our hands. Its start point cannot be a thesis that it does not exist at all.

Facing Enemy Counter Offensives The document states, “When there is a serious enemy offensive in the form of encirclement and suppression campaign futile attempts to hold territory. We should disperse in mobile squads and at the same time should carry on attacks from exterior lines, simultaneously within the area of encirclement. The tactical counter offensive against the enemy should be carried out in the form of small and big military actions. A ‘meal mouthful’. By following the tactics of sudden attack and annihilation it is absolutely possible to defeat the enemy and achieve victory for the people in single costly ambushes of the CRPF in Chhattisgarh leading to the death of 76 and then 27 personnel are adequate proof of these tactics of annihilation). It unfolds entirely in conformity with the Maoist design.

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