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# India's Response to Internal Conflict

Surrender and Rehabilitation Policy in the Maoist Conflict in  
Chhattisgarh

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# Introduction: Setting the Context

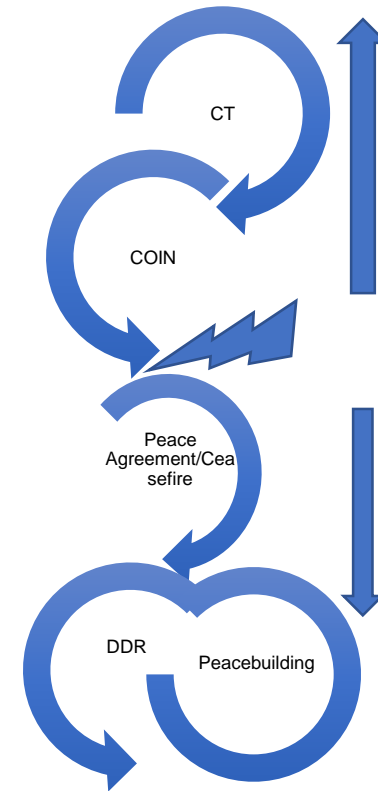
- Ideological Conflict with Origins back to 1960s
- 2004: Formation of CPI (Maoist) and PLGA
- *Dandakaranya* Forest: Theatre of Conflict
- State Response:
  - Militarization (2004 onwards)
  - Renewed focus on ‘development deficit’ esp. in Chhattisgarh
- *Salwa Judum* in Chhattisgarh (2005)
- Surrender and Rehabilitation Policy (2009, 2012, 2014)

# Research Question

“Is the Surrender and Rehabilitation Policy an approach towards Disarmament moving towards Development and Peacebuilding and eventually to a Resolution?”

Or

Is the policy a part of the Counterterrorism/Counterinsurgency program and limited to Conflict Management?”



# Literature

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Strands

*COIN: 'wining hearts and minds',*

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*DDR: 'reintegration'; 'violence to non-violence'; 'legitimacy'*

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*Everydaynes: 'securitization',  
'impact on everyday life'*

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# Methodology & Fieldwork

- Sources:
  - Primary Interviews: Elite and Ethnography
  - Document Analysis: Archives, Parliamentary Debates and Policies
- Location:
  - Chhattisgarh, Gadchiroli, New Delhi and Hyderabad
- Participants:
  - Ex-combatants
  - Communities
  - Policy Makers
  - Paramilitary
  - Political Leadership (Provincial)

Thank You

