Indian Insurgent Group Origins Dataset (IGOD) Codebook

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1   Introduction

Indian Insurgent Group Origins Dataset (IGOD) includes information on the primary area of operation of each domestic Indian insurgent organization identified by Global Terrorism Database (GTD) (START and Terrorism 2018). The dataset only covers insurgent organizations that target the government, police, military, businesses, civilians, infrastructure and/or public spaces in India. Insurgent organizations that only target other insurgent organizations or other violent parties are not included in the dataset. Lastly, the dataset does not include information on the transnational insurgent or terrorist organizations that plot attacks in India.

The dataset holds the assumption that each Indian insurgent organization has a primary area of operation, meaning that it is headquartered in one state/union territory of India. Relying on GTD's *provstate* variable, I identified a state/union territory as an insurgent organization's primary area of operation if 90% of all attacks committed by that organization occurred in that state/union territory. In cases where the organization's attacks were dispersed across several states, meaning that no state seemed like a primary area of operation, I identified each state/union territory that attracted (1) at least 25% of the attacks committed by an organization, and (2) at least 10 attacks by an organization that make at least 10% of the all attacks committed by that organization, as the primary areas of operation of that organization[1].

The dataset and R codes used to produce the dataset can be downloaded from my GitHub repository via: https://github.com/ilaydaonder/IGOD.

2   Variables

- **group**: Insurgent organization code assigned by the author

- **group**: Insurgent organization name as coded by the GTD's *gname* variable

- **group_origin**: State code assigned by the author to the primary area of operation of the insurgent organization.

- **group_origin_txt**: Name of the Indian state (i.e. primary area of operation of the insurgent organization).

- **group_origin2**: State code assigned by the author to the second area of operation of the insurgent organization.

- **group_origin2_txt**: Name of the Indian state (i.e. second area of operation of the insurgent organization).

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[1]122 insurgent groups have a single primary area of operation. The remaining insurgent groups; Base Movement, Bharatiya Janata Party, Communist Party of India - Maoist (CPI-Maoist), Communist Party of India- Marxist, Hmar People's Convention-Democracy (HPC-D), Jharkhand Janmukti Parishad (JJP), Kamtapur Liberation Organization (KLO), Gunmen, Maoists, National Liberation Force of Bengalis (Bangali Janamukti Bahini, National Socialist Council of Nagaland-Isak-Muivah (NSCN-IM), Naxalites, People's War Group (PWG), Sanatan Sanstha, Tamil Nadu Liberation Army, United Achik Liberation Army (UALA) have multiple primary areas of operation.

- **group_origin3**: State code assigned by the author to the third area of operation of the insurgent organization.

- **group_origin3_txt**: Name of the Indian state (i.e. third area of operation of the insurgent organization).

- **group_origin4**: State code assigned by the author to the fourth area of operation of the insurgent organization.

- **group_origin4_txt**: Name of the Indian state (i.e. fourth area of operation of the insurgent organization).

- **group_origin5**: State code assigned by the author to the fifth area of operation of the insurgent organization.

- **group_origin5_txt**: Name of the Indian state (i.e. fifth area of operation of the insurgent organization).

References

START, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism, and Responses to Terrorism. 2018. *Global Terrorism Database.*