

p>Title: Need to fund the expenditure on modernisation of State Armed Police Forces, especially in the North Eastern Region.

SHRI KHAGEN DAS (TRIPURA WEST): I would like to draw the attention of the Union Government that the Sarkaria Commission recommended that the States should strengthen and modernise the State Armed Police to make them self-reliant. This objective, it is felt, is presently not being achieved in view of the existing guidelines of the scheme. As per guidelines of the scheme, the State Government has to share 50 per cent of the total expenditure on modernisation, which is difficult for the State Government in view of the resource constraints. The Central Government should bear 100 per cent expenditure on modernisation, at least for the States in the North East Region. Further, the scheme for reimbursement of security related expenditure incurred by the States in the North East is restricted to certain specified items only. The scope of the scheme should be extended to cover all items of expenditure, whether recurring or non-recurring on security related matters in the national interest.

I request the Government to consider it at the earliest possible time.