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Title: Need to devise an employment package in Central and Paramilitary services for the youth of terrorist affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

SHRI MADAN LAL SHARMA (JAMMU): Due to on-going turmoil in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, every sector of the economy has received severe set back and people, in particular from border areas of Jammu, Rajouri and Poonch Districts, which happen to be in my parliamentary constituency, are almost facing starvation. The educated youth are frustrated, which in turn may lead them to resort to such activities, which may be detrimental to the national interests. Time and again, the Union Government have been requested to come up with some employment package in Paramilitary and other Central Services for the unemployed youth of these worst hit backward and border areas, but nothing has materialised so far, with the result majority of these youth have turned over-age for entry into Government services. The State has decadal industrial employment avenues and as such dependence on Government services has increased.

I hope, the Government, in particular the Union Ministry of Home Affairs will come up to the rescue of these unemployed youth by arranging special employment drives in relaxation of age/qualification bar wherever necessary.