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Title : Need to set up Arunachal Scouts in Defence Forces keeping in view the strategic location of Arunachal Pradesh.

SHRI KIREN RIJU (ARUNACHAL WEST): Arunachal Pradesh is located at a very strategic location in the North Eastern part of our country. There are no major industries and manufacturing units in the State. Even after 1962 Chinese aggression, the State is not being given adequate attention as a result of which a deep sense of negligence and isolation is engulfing the sentiments of the people in the State. The State is completely resource less and not in a position to generate revenue and employment to tackle the acute problems faced by the State.

The development of Arunachal Pradesh is very much necessary in the interest of the country. The growing unemployment in the State is likely to take an ugly turn, which may prove to be very costly for national security.

There is long pending demand of the people of Arunachal Pradesh for the creation of Arunachal Regiment in the Indian Army and I had also introduced a Private Member Resolution in this august House last year. But the Government has taken a stand not to create any additional Regiments based on Community or State line.

In the light of special circumstances and unique situation in which Arunachal Pradesh is placed. I would like to draw the attention of this august House and request the Hon'ble Minister of Defence to establish Arunachal Scouts on the line of Ladhaki Scouts at the earliest possible time. In this regard, the fervour of patriotism and nationalism found amongst the people of Arunachal Pradesh must be taken into consideration.