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Title : Reported abysmal living conditions of security force personnel guarding the Country.

SHRI MANISH TEWARI (LUDHIANA): Madam Speaker Sir, over the past five years and specially since 26/11, the Union Government has made considerable efforts to augment security infrastructure. New organisations have been created. Aid to the State Governments for police modernisation has increased and new equipment are being procured but there is one area which requires serious attention which, unfortunately, has been neglected. That is the upkeep of our personnel, the constabulary, which is supposed to be manning these equipments and actually protecting the nation.

Last month, newspapers and television channels were full of reports of how the personnel of the constabulary guarding the Taj Mahal Hotel in Mumbai were actually staying in the Gateway of India. This is symptomatic of the condition of the constabulary in various parts of the country and some of us, who have grown up in turbulent parts have actually seen the abysmal field conditions first hand.

My request to the Union Government is, out of the funds which are sent by the Union Government to the States for modernisation of police forces, 25 per cent must be spent on upgrading the physical infrastructure in which the constabulary stays, like building houses for them, building schools for their children, creating recreational facilities so that they can remain stress free, remain focussed on their job and actually carry out the duties of safeguarding the borders and the internal security of the country more satisfactorily. This would also lead to the decrease of fratricidal incidents of killings which have been reported over the years from various States where paramilitary forces have been deployed.