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Title : Need to reimburse the honorarium paid to the Special Police Officers (SPOs) in the State of Tripura and extend the benefit of enhanced honorarium to all the SPOs in the State.

SHRI KHAGEN DAS (TRIPURA WEST): The Special Police Officers (SPOs) who have been deployed in some of the insurgency affected States are playing a meaningful role, supporting the State and Central Para Military forces in containing insurgency. The Government of Tripura has posted 3550 SPOs. At present the SPOs are being paid by the State Government at the rate of Rs. 3500/- per month. The assistance from the Central Government was recently enhanced from Rs. 500/- to Rs 1500/- per month only for 1400 SPOs. It may be mentioned that the entire amount of honorarium of SPOs in the case of J&K and Jharkhand has been reimbursed fully by the Central Government. I would, therefore, urge upon the Central Government that the honorarium paid to the SPOs by the State Government of Tripura should be reimbursed in full at the rate of Rs. 3500/- per month and benefits extended to all 3500 SPOs.