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Title: Need to increase the number of posts in IPS cadre strength in Odisha.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to raise the issue.

I would like to state that the IPS cadre strength of Odisha is 188 posts in total. Out of these 188 posts, 131 posts are meant for the direct recruitment and 57 posts are under promotional quota supposed to be taken from State Police Service on promotion basis. Out of 131 posts meant for direct recruitment, only 109 officers are now in position with a shortfall of 22 officers. Most of the posts under promotional quota are also vacant due to non-availability of eligible officers in the State. Keeping in view the increase in Mao or naxal incidents in the State, it is imperative to post young and energetic officers in the rank of Superintendent of Police to combat the existing problem.

Hence, I request the Minister of Home Affairs, through you, to consider allocation of seven to eight IPS officers every year for next five years. Thank you.