

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT SCHEME FOR PEOPLE OF BORDER AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the scheme aimed at providing employment in border areas of Jammu and Kashmir is under consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to enhance the monthly salary of Special Police Officers (SPOs) posted in Jammu and Kashmir from Rs. 3000/- to Rs. 10,000/-; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a)&(b): There is no such exclusive scheme, aimed at providing employment in border areas of J&K, under consideration of the Government. There are however, various schemes under implementation in J&K which provide for direct and indirect employment. Border Area Development Program (BADP) is one such scheme implemented through the State Government, as a part of comprehensive approach to meet the special development needs and to promote sense of security and well being among the people living in the remote and inaccessible areas. The program is supplemental in nature to fill the gaps and a 100 % centrally sponsored scheme which mainly relate to infrastructure development such as link roads, employment generation, education, health, electricity, agriculture and allied sectors. Apart from it, the existing Recruitment Scheme of Constable (General Duty) by Government of India, provides for :-

- i) filling of 60% vacancies which are allotted amongst States/UTs on the basis of the population ratio.
  - ii) 20% of vacancies in the Border Guarding Forces (BGFs) (BSF, ITBP, SSB & Assam Rifles) are allotted to border districts, which fall within the responsibility of the Force.
  - iii) 20% of vacancies in BGFs are allotted to areas affected by militancy i.e. J&K, North eastern States and naxal affected areas. The districts/areas affected by militancy are notified by the Government from time to time.
  - iv) In Forces other than Border Guarding Forces, 40% vacancies are allotted to militancy affected areas i.e. J&K, North Eastern States and naxal affected areas. The district/ areas affected by militancy are notified by the Government from time to time.
- (c)&(d): A proposal has been received from the State Government, J&K for increasing the honorarium of SPOs from Rs. 3,000/- to Rs. 5,000/- per month which is under examination.