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Title: Regarding continuation of the expansion and modernization programme of Police Force by the Central Government.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Sir, earlier there was a plan allocation for modernization of State police force which has been discontinued from 2015-16. This has stalled several infrastructure projects pertaining to modernization of State police forces across the country. It has also badly affected the expansion and modernization programme of Odisha Police initiated by the Government of Odisha recently on account of rapid urbanization, industrialization and to a great extent because of the Maoist violence that is being prevalent in that State.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to continue this type of Union Government allocation under the said Scheme to enable the State Governments not only of Odisha but other respective states to give momentum to the expansion and modernization programme of police forces.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab.