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Title: Need to increase the strength of RPF and GRP personnel across all the Railway Zones in Odisha.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): Madam Speaker, I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to raise the issue.

I would like to state that the Railways have increasingly become the soft target of naxal attacks. The number of security personnel in the Railway Protection Force is not adequate to counter the menace. A massive recruitment drive is on for filling up the vacancies in the Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police.

In this regard, I urge upon the Government to initiate steps for increasing the strength of RPF and GRP personnel and deploy more number of such security personnel in all the naxal affected Railway Zones across Odisha.