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Title: Need to allot adequate number of IPS officers in Odisha.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): The IPS cadre strength of Odisha provides a total strength of 188 posts out of which 131 posts are meant for the Direct Recruits and 57 posts under the promotion quota for promotion of State Police Service officers to the IPS cadre. Out of 131 posts provided for the direct recruits, 107 officers are now in position with a shortfall of 24 officers. All the 57 posts under promotion quota are lying vacant due to non-availability of eligible State police service officers for promotion to the IPS cadre and there is also less chance of these vacancies getting filled up within next 8 to 10 years. Out of 107 officers, 21 officers are now under Central Deputation and 7 are under going training. Therefore, only 79 officers are actually available in the State as against 128 Senior Duty Posts.

Due to acute shortage of IPS officers particularly at the level of Superintendent of Police, State Police Service Officers in the rank of Addl. SP, are being deployed as SP (in-Charge) against IPS cadre posts to manage police administration of many districts.

Keeping in view the Maoist violence in the State, it is now felt imperative to post young and energetic officers in the rank of SP to effectively combat the increasing Maoist activities. I would urge upon the Government to allot at least 7 IPS officers from CSE-2013 and subsequently 7/8 officers in each year for the coming five years.