

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3925**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2026/ PHALGUNA 26, 1947 (SAKA)

REIMBURSEMENT OF CENTRE SHARE

3925. DR. KIRSAN NAMDEO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of reimbursement of Centre's share (60%) for Special Police Officers (SPOs) under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme to Maharashtra State which has been pending;

(b) the total amount pending to be reimbursed to Maharashtra under this scheme during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government is considering relaxing the norms for engaging the services of SPOs who are non-ex-Army/Policemen in LWE affected areas of Maharashtra; and

(d) the time by which these pending reimbursements will be released to the State?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a to c):

- Reimbursement under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme is of recurring nature and the releases are made on the basis of verification of records of the claims made by States by the Internal Audit Wing (IAW) of the Ministry of Home Affairs and approval of the SRE Standing Committee as per applicable scheme guidelines.**

- **As regards to the reimbursement of Centre's Share under the SRE Scheme including the item 'Special Police Officers (SPOs)', the reimbursement has been made to Maharashtra as per the applicable Scheme guidelines during a particular period.**

 - **Further, as per SRE Scheme guidelines no amount is pending for reimbursement under SRE scheme in respect of Maharashtra during the last three years.**

 - **As per SRE Scheme guidelines, the SPOs so engaged in LWE affected areas were to be mandatorily ex-Army/Policemen and the claims were processed accordingly. These guidelines have been reviewed in 2024-25 and the mandatory condition of "Ex-Servicemen / Ex-Policemen" for Special Police Officers (SPOs) has been relaxed from financial year 2024-25.**
- (d) Question does not arise.**
