

(c) whether the Central Government will increase remuneration of SPOs as recommended by J&K Government and if so, by when; and

(d) whether few battalions of police have decided to recruit all eligible PSOs as constables?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU): (a) Under the Security Related Scheme (SRE), the funds are released to State Government on reimbursement basis i.e. 60% of the claims of the State Government are reimbursed before audit and the balance 40% on receipt of the audit report. The details of Security Related Expenditure (SRE) claimed for re-imbursement by the State Government under SRE(Police) and SRE(Relief & Rehabilitation) and amount reimbursed by the Government during the last three years is given below:

(₹ in crore)

Year	SRE (Police)		SRE(Relief & Rehabilitation)	
	Claim of State Government	Amount reimbursed by Government of India	Claim of State Government	Amount reimbursed by Government of India
2011-12	373.92	342.27	130.39	111.60
2012-13	352.00	259.78	189.12	94.90
2013-14	368.61	286.80	232.22	151.87
2014-15	0	174.53*	0	103.03*
TOTAL	1094.53	1063.38	551.73	461.4

\* Backlog of the previous years

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The proposal of State Government of J&K to increase remuneration of SPOs is under consideration.

(d) No, Sir.

#### **Slow pace of roads construction along with China border**

†2187. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that strategically important roads of the country along with

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the borders of China in Sikkim and Uttarakhand, being constructed by Central Public Works Department, witness very low progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government in order to complete the road projects of strategic importance, keeping in view the security of the nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) and (b) Government of India has entrusted construction of 8 (eight) number of roads of strategic importance along the border of China in the states of Sikkim (3 roads) and Uttarakhand (5 roads) measuring 191.35 kms to Central Public Works Department (CPWD).

As on June 30, 2014, out of the 5 roads in Uttarakhand, formation cutting has been completion on 4 roads and the work of formation cutting on, balance road Nyu Subla-Sela Tadang has been affected due to cloud burst and natural disaster on June 16, 2013. The surfacing work on the roads in Uttarakhand is pending due to delay in environmental clearance to install stone crusher at the site.

Out of the 3 roads in Sikkim, measuring 103.00 kms, formation cutting of 54.70 km has been completed. The progress of construction of roads in Sikkim has been affected due to difficult working environment at high altitude ranging from 13000 feet to 17600 feet, very low oxygen level, limited working season and earthquake in September, 2011 as well as cloud burst on 20th and 21st September, 2012.

(c) A Steering Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Border Management) to review and monitor the progress of construction of these roads and the Committee meets periodically.

#### **Bharat Ratna for Major Dhyan Chand**

2188. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports had initially recommended the name of Major Dhyan Chand for the conferring of Bharat Ratna in the year 2013-14;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in conferring the Bharat Ratna to Major Dhyan Chand;

(c) the details of the process of reviewing the criterion of conferment of Bharat Ratna to any citizen of the country; and