

(a) whether it is a fact that an audited amount of ₹39.76 crore under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) scheme has not yet been reimbursed by the Central Government to the State Government of Odisha;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to release the said amount to the State Government at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY): (a) to (c) Reimbursement under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) scheme for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States is recurring and continuous in nature. Reimbursement of claims is made on the audited claims and available budget. Further funds @ 25% of the approved work plan are released as advance to the States.

In the last 05 years, between 2014-15 & 2018-19, an amount of ₹251.70 crore has been released to Odisha under the SRE (LWE) scheme. In the current financial year ₹9.74 crore have been released to Odisha including an advance of ₹8.17 crore.

#### **Mobile towers in LWE affected areas in Odisha**

388. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Odisha has sent a list of 483 locations to the Central Government for installation of mobile towers in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas of the State under Phase-II of the 'Mobile Connectivity Scheme in LWE affected areas';

(b) if so, what is the status of installation of these mobile towers in the 368 agreeable locations; and

(c) the steps taken so far to fast track the installation work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per latest status of coverage at identified tower locations, only 158 tower locations are left uncovered in Odisha. For these a tender has already been floated.