

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1655**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH MARCH, 2023/ PHALGUNA 24, 1944 (SAKA)

TENDENCY OF SUICIDES IN CENTRAL SECURITY FORCES

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government noticed that the tendency of suicides in our Central security forces has drastically increased;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents in our security forces in last three years, force-wise;

(c) whether Government conducted any thorough study on the reasons for such incidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the findings; and

(e) the steps taken to avoid such incidents in the future?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The details of incidents of suicides by Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), Assam Rifles (AR) & National Security Guard (NSG) personnel reported during the last three years is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): A Task Force has been set up to identify relevant risk factors as well as relevant risk groups and suggest remedial measures for prevention of suicides and fratricides in CAPFs & Assam Rifles (AR).The report of the Task Force is under preparation.

(e): The steps taken/being undertaken to avoid such incidents in the future are at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

Annexure-I referred to in reply to Part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1655 for answer on 15.03.2023.

Number of suicides by personnel of CAPFs, Assam Rifles (AR) & National Security Guard (NSG) during the last 03 years

Name of the Force	Years			Total
	2020	2021	2022	
Assam Rifles	09	14	07	30
BSF	30	44	37	111
CISF	18	21	24	63
CRPF	54	57	43	154
ITBP	13	10	09	32
NSG	02	02	02	06
SSB	18	09	13	40
Total	144	157	135	436

Referred to in reply to Part (e) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1655 for answer on 15.03.2023.

Steps taken/being undertaken to avoid incidents of suicides in CAPFs, AR & NSG personnel inter alia include:

- (i) Transparent policies pertaining to transfer and leave of CAPFs, Assam Rifles (AR) & National Security Guard (NSG) personnel. Choice posting is considered to the extent possible after the personnel served in hard area. The hospitalization period due to injuries while on duty is treated as on duty.
- (ii) Regular interaction of officers with troops to find out and redress their grievances.
- (iii) Ensuring adequate rest and relief by regulating the duty hours.
- (iv) Improving living conditions for troops, providing adequate recreational/entertainment, sports, communication facilities, etc. Creche facility is also provided at various establishments (where feasible) to facilitate female employees.
- (v) Facility of retention of government accommodation at the place of last posting (for keeping the family) while posted in certain difficult areas.
- (vi) Providing better medical facilities as well as organizing talks with specialists to address their personal and psychological concerns and organizing meditation & yoga routinely for better stress management.
- (vii) Adequately compensating the troops deployed in certain difficult areas.
- (viii) Other welfare measures like facility of Kendriya Police Kalyan Bhandar (KPKB), scholarship for wards, etc. Air courier services have also been provided to CAPFs, Assam Rifles (AR) & National Security Guard (NSG) personnel deployed in certain difficult areas.
- (ix) Designating retired CAPF personnel as ex-CAPF personnel for better identity and community recognition.
- (x) To reduce stress level of CAPFs, Assam Rifles (AR) & National Security Guard (NSG) personnel, various steps have been taken by the MHA, CAPFs, Assam Rifles (AR) & National Security Guard (NSG). As part of the process, the "Art of Living" courses are being conducted for CAPFs, Assam Rifles (AR) & National Security Guard (NSG) personnel which have positive impact on Jawans.
- (xi) Promotions are released regularly to eligible personnel as and when the vacancies arise. Financial benefits under Modified Assured Career Progression (MACP) are given at 10, 20 & 30 years of service in case promotion does not take place for want of vacancies.
