

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2156**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH MARCH, 2026/ PHALGUNA 20, 1947 (SAKA)

VACANCIES IN CAPFs

2156 DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large-scale vacancies persist in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(b) whether such vacancies have adversely affected law enforcement, internal security and disaster response capabilities, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether recruitment delays and training bottlenecks have been identified and reviewed, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) the timeline and action plan to address manpower shortages in internal security forces?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Details of vacancies in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles (AR) as on 01.01.2026 are at Annexure-‘A’. Forces are discharging all duties in a highly professional manner through optimal utilization of available resources.

(c) & (d): Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. The Ministry takes earnest steps to fill up the vacancies expeditiously through UPSC, SSC and the forces concerned. The Government has taken inter alia the following steps against the available vacancies in CAPFs & AR;

- (i) Directions have been issued to all Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles to undertake recruitment against vacant posts in Non-General Duty cadres in a time-bound manner.**
- (ii) Yearly recruitment for the post of Constable (General Duty) for which a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with Staff Selection Commission (SSC).**
- (iii) For coordinating recruitment to General Duty posts, a Nodal Force for recruitment in the rank of Constable (General Duty), Sub-Inspector (GD) and Assistant Commandant (General Duty) has been nominated on long term basis.**
- (iv) Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) is being used during the conduct of Physical Standard Test (PST)/ Physical Efficiency Test (PET) for Constable (GD) and other direct recruitment examinations in CAPFs & AR.**

- (v) Regular conduct of meetings of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for filling up of promotional vacancies.**
- (vi) Time taken in the Medical Examination [(Detailed Medical Examination (DME)/Review Medical Examination (RME)] has been reduced to expedite the recruitment.**
- (vii) Cut off marks for short listing of candidates for Constable/GD has been lowered in order to get sufficient candidates (especially in categories where shortfalls have been observed).**
- (viii) The Basic Recruit Training is conducted in routine manner as per Annual Training plan.**

ANNEXURE-‘A’
R.S.US.Q.NO. 2156 FOR 11.03.2026

Details of vacancies in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles (AR) as on 01.01.2026.

Force	Total
CRPF	27400
BSF	14531
ITBP	12333
SSB	6784
CISF	28342
AR	3749
Total	93139
