

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2576**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 09th JULY, 2019/ ASHADHA 18, 1941 (SAKA)

DEPLOYMENT OF CRPF PERSONNEL IN REMOTE AREAS

2576. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) personnel deployed in remote areas find it difficult to communicate with their families;**
- (b) whether any steps has been taken to improve their condition; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : Digital Satellite Phone Terminals (DSPTs) and I-SAT (Satellite) Phones have been sanctioned by this Ministry to CAPFs to enable their personnel to communicate with their families while deployed in far flung/inaccessible areas of the country, where no other communication facility is available. On the request of this Ministry, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communication has reduced the call rates of DSPTs in October, 2017 from ₹ 5/- per minute to ₹ 1/- per minute. Directorate of Coordination Police Wireless (DCPW) have taken up with BSNL to restore the DSPT services on priority which have gone out of service since 13.5.2019 due to discontinuance of NSS-6 satellite services. In parallel, MHA has also requested Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communication to reduce the I-SAT Phone call rates from ₹ 25/- to ₹ 1/- per minute for the welfare of the Jawans, till alternate arrangements are made by BSNL/Department of Telecommunications.
