

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1944**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2020/PHALGUNA 13, 1941 (SAKA)**

**MERGER OF SSB AND ITBP**

**1944. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering to merge Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) with Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has held any consultation with SSB and ITBP in this regard;**
- (c) if so, whether the Government has sought suggestion from both the forces regarding reconstruction of the forces afresh;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard; and**
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide latest and advanced weapons to the SSB and ITBP?**

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (d): --An idea was mooted for considering the possibilities of merger of ITBP and SSB and informal consultations were held in this regard. However, no such proposal is under consideration, at present.**

**(e):Modernization of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) is a continuous process. SSB and ITBP have been allocated adequate funds to equip them with latest and advanced weapons.**

**Apart from above, the Government has approved a Modernization Plan -III for all CAPFs (including SSB and ITBP) for equipping CAPFs with latest and advanced weapons.**

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