

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3268**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH MARCH, 2021/ PHALGUNA 25, 1942 (SAKA)

CRPF MAHILA BATTALION

**3268. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Mahila battalion functioning and deployed in various parts of the country;**
- (b) whether the Government has decided to induct women personnel of CRPF in Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA), the elite CRPF component specializing in jungle warfare and counter Naxal operation;**
- (c) if so, the details of number of women CRPF personnel chosen and the nature of training they will undergo;**
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the achievement made by CRPF Mahila battalion since its inception**
- (e) if so, the details thereof;**
- (f) the number of welfare schemes being run by the Government for the welfare of CRPF Mahila battalion along with the quantum of funds allocated for this purpose; and**
- (g) the other steps taken by the Government to recruit more women under various posts in CRPF Mahila battalion in a time bound manner?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a): There are total 06 (six) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Mahila battalions. The deployment of Central Forces including Mahila battalions is a dynamic process and is dependent upon Law & Order situation in different parts of the Country.

(b) to (c): A small contingent of Mahila personnel who have given their willingness, are undergoing Basic Foundation Course of 30 days. Thereafter, they will undergo 12 weeks Pre-induction COBRA training. The final induction of these Mahila personnel in COBRA Battalion will be made after successful completion of Pre-induction training.

(d) to (e): Mahila Battalions of CRPF are successfully performing internal security duties in various parts of the country and abroad. 05 Mahila personnel of CRPF have also been decorated with gallantry medals for their bravery.

(f): Creche facilities have been established at 49 locations for the benefit of Mahila personnel of CRPF and an amount of Rs.50 lakhs have been allotted for their maintenance during the current financial year 2020-21. In addition, Welfare grants are also provided to Mahila Battalions for undertaking welfare activities.

(g): Recruitment of personnel including Mahila personnel in the Force is a Continuous process as per functional requirements of the Force as well as availability of vacancies. In order to encourage female candidates, they are exempted from application fees. There are relaxed standards in physical standard test (PST) and physical efficiency test (PET) for selection of more women.
