

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4187**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH MARCH, 2022/CHAITRA 8, 1944 (SAKA)

SUICIDES BY CAPFS PERSONNEL

**4187. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:
SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:
SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of suicides by personnel of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) have been reported during the last ten years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government has set up a taskforce to prevent suicides by CAPF troops in December 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any reasons have been identified by the Government for the increasing number of suicides and the measures taken by the Government for better prevention and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the taskforce also will consult external mental health professionals on the matter; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): The total number of suicides by Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), Assam Rifles (AR) & National Security Guard (NSG) personnel reported during the last 10 years is at Annexure-I.

(b): A Task force was set up in October, 2021 to identify relevant risk factors as well as relevant risk groups and suggest remedial measures for prevention of suicides in CAPFs & Assam Rifles (AR). The composition of 'Task Force' was modified in December, 2021.

(c)& (d): Domestic problems, illness and financial problems are some of the contributory factors among others behind the incidents of suicide. Improvement in working conditions of CAPFs, Assam Rifles (AR) & National Security Guard (NSG) is a constant endeavour. The measures undertaken to promote mental health and well-being of Jawans in CAPFs, Assam Rifles (AR) & National Security Guard (NSG) are given in Annexure-II.

(e)&(f): As per its Terms of Reference (ToR), the Task Force may associate experts from organizations such as National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS).

Number of suicides by personnel of CAPFs, Assam Rifles (AR) & National Security Guard (NSG) during the last 10 years

Year	No. of suicides
2012	118
2013	113
2014	125
2015	108
2016	92
2017	125
2018	96
2019	129
2020	143
2021	156
Total	1205

Measures are taken/being undertaken to promote the mental health and wellbeing of the Jawans in the CAPFs, Assam Rifles (AR) & National Security Guard (NSG).

(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. Crèche facility is also provided at various establishments (where feasible) to facilitate the female employees.

(v) Facility of retention of government accommodation at the place of last posting (for keeping the family) while posted in NE states, J&K and LWE affected areas (except State Capitals).

(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 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 NE States, J&K and LWE affected areas.

(ix) Designating retired CAPF personnel as ex-CAPF personnel for better identity and community recognition.

(x) To reduce the 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 impacts on the Jawans.

(xi) Promotions are released regularly to eligible personnel as & 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.