

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 259**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH JULY, 2022/ ASHADHA 28, 1944 (SAKA)

MENTAL HEALTH OF CAPFs

**†259. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken to ensure the mental health of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs);**
- (b) whether the CAPFs get fewer facilities as compared to the Indian Army/State Police; and**
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

- (a):- The measures undertaken to promote mental health and well-being of Central Armed Police Force (CAPFs) personnel are given in the Annexure.**
- (b) & (c):- Service conditions of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Indian Army / State Police are governed by different set of Rules and not comparable on a one to one basis.**

Measures taken/being undertaken to promote the mental health and wellbeing of the Jawans in the CAPFs/Assam Rifles (AR).

- (i) Transparent policies pertaining to transfer and leave of CAPFs and Assam Rifles (AR) 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) 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) personnel, various steps have been taken by the MHA, CAPFs & Assam Rifles (AR). As part of the process, the "Art of Living" courses are being conducted for CAPFs/Assam Rifles (AR) 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.
- (xii) A Task Force has been set up in October, 2021 to suggest remedial measures for prevention of suicides & fratricide in CAPFs & Assam Rifles.