GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2446

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH AUGUST, 2024/ SHRAVAN 15, 1946 (SAKA)

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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INCREASING CASES OF SUICIDES BY CRPF PERSONNEL

- (a) whether the Government is aware about the increasing suicides by Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the regional distribution of suicides by the CRPF personnel;
- (d) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to ensure better mental health of the personnel;
- (e) whether the personnel are able to avail the leaves granted to them, given the over-burden of duty; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) There is no increasing trend of suicides by CRPF personnel during the last three years. Year-wise details of CRPF personnel, who committed suicides in last three years, are as under:-

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Year	Number of personnel committed suicide
2021	57
2022	43
2023	57
2024 (Till June)	24
Total	181

- (c) Region wise details of suicides by CRPF personnel is at Appendix-A.
- (d) A number of steps have been taken for the prevention of suicides and for better mental health of the personnel by the CRPF which is at Appendix-'B'.
- (e) & (f) The personnel are able to avail the leave which is liberally granted to them.

REGION-WISE DETAILS OF SUICIDES IN LAST THREE YEARS

Sl. No.	Name of State	2021	2022	2023	2024 (Till June 2024)	Total
1	Uttar Pradesh	7	8	5	2	22
2	Haryana	3	5	5	2	15
3	Assam	3	4	5	2	14
4	Bihar	7	3	3	4	17
5	Rajasthan	5	2	2	5	14
6	Tamil Nadu	2	2	5	1	10
7	Kerala	3	4	3	1	11
8	Maharashtra	6	1	1	0	8
9	West Bengal	0	0	3	2	5
10	Karnataka	5	1	1	0	7
11	Madhya Pradesh	2	2	4	1	9
12	Odisha	2	1	3	0	6
13	Chhattisgarh	1	2	3	0	6
14	Gujarat	1	1	4	0	6
15	Andhra Pradesh	1	0	1	0	2
16	Himachal Pradesh	1	3	2	0	6
17	J&K	1	2	1	0	4
18	Arunachal Pradesh	4	1	0	0	5
19	Delhi	0	0	1	0	1
20	Telangana	1	0	2	1	4
21	Jharkhand	0	1	2	0	3
22	Uttarakhand	1	0	0	1	2
23	Punjab	0	0	0	1	1
24	Tripura	0	0	1	0	1
25	Puducherry	0	0	0	0	0
26	Nagaland	1	0	0	0	1
27	Manipur	0	0	0	1	1
	Total	57	43	57	24	181

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Steps taken by the CRPF for the prevention of suicides and for better mental health of the personnel

- i. Qualitative improvement in living conditions of troops has been made with the help of funds allotted by the Government.
- ii. 24x7 toll free number 18005990019 of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) has been circulated at force level so that the Force personnel could approach the Psychologist for counselling.
- iii. MoU between BSF & AIIMS New Delhi on behalf of CAPF has been executed and the Mobile Numbers & WhatsApp Number of Psychologist of AIIMS, New Delhi has been circulated at Force level for 24x7 counselling to the needy Force personnel.
- iv. Strong grievance redressal system has been put in place and frequent interaction of Commanders with troops is ensured.
- v. Directions have been issued to all formations to maintain Buddy system in which every personnel share their family details, their family problems to each other and to suggest the better way to overcome the problems.

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- vi. E-Leave App has been introduced in which the Jawan applies for grant of his leave to his senior and the same is granted to him and intimation to this effect is being conveyed to him without wastage of time.
- vii. SANTOSH App has been introduced in which transfer of the personnel is being issued as per his choice place accordingly.
- viii. Every jawan is being interviewed by his Coy. Commander/
 Commandant before proceeding on leave/Govt.

 Duty/Course/Transfers and after reporting from leave/Govt.

 duty/Course and transfer for hearing of his personal problem, if any.
- ix. To reduce the stress, various Volleyball/Football/Cricket matches are being organized/played everyday between jawans and seniors from time to time. Also, various cultural programs/ Bada Khana programs are being organized from time to time to boost up the morale of Jawans.

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- x. Welfare Meeting is organized continuously in every month in which information about the Welfare Schemes which have been introduced by the Government are being shared among the Force personnel by their Superior officers.
- xi. Sainik Sammelan is also organized quarterly, in which problems/difficulties faced by Force personnel and the best way to overcome the difficulties are discussed.
- xii. Directions have been issued to all lower formations for organizing Yoga Class in the morning session to maintain good health and to overcome stress, if any, faced by jawans.

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