

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1543**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH JULY, 2025/ SRAVANA 7, 1947 (SAKA)

SHORTAGE OF CAPF SECURITY FORCES

†1543. SHRI AZAD KIRTI JHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) like-BSF, ITBP, SSB etc. are facing shortage of essential resources and modern equipments;**
- (b) whether the personnel of the said forces are working under difficult situations which affect their efficiency; and**
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the condition of the said forces and the present status thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a): No sir. Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) [Assam Rifles (AR), Border Security Force (BSF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), National Security Guard (NSG) and Sashatra Seema Bal (SSB)] are equipping their forces with essential resources and modern equipments on regular basis as per their requirement.

(b) & (c) While, CAPFs personnel are deployed for border guarding duties in remotely located area with high altitude, mountainous, dense jungles, inclement weather conditions, for internal security to aid State administrations, counter-insurgency operations and for security and fire protection of industrial undertakings and critical infrastructure across the country, under extremely challenging and inhospitable conditions, the Government always endeavour to enhance efficiency of CAPF personnel through various measures. The Force personnel are provided with adequate latest technological equipment, special clothing and food items in accordance with the place of deployment, residential quarters, separate family accommodation and barracks to improve housing satisfaction, which assist troops in their functioning more efficiently and effectively. In addition, following measures have also been taken by CAPFs for providing better working conditions/ atmosphere to their personnel:

- 1) Activities and mental health of personnel are being monitored at appropriate level and grievances, if any, are being redressed at the earliest.**
- 2) Immediate evacuation by helicopters has been arranged in case of emergency from field areas.**

3) Various steps have been taken to reduce stress level among the Force personnel and to provide them financial/other required support.

4) Interviews and counselling of personnel, on their return from leave/reporting on transfer etc. by concerned Coy Commander / Unit Commandant with a view to find out whether individual has any domestic problem and to help them in sorting out problems, if any, to the extent possible, are being conducted.

5) Field Officers use to keep a close watch on activities and mental health of personnel under their command & to encourage them to come out with their problems, so that the same can be sorted out.

6) Informal interactions of Officers with troops, participation in games & sports with them & inquiring about their family welfare during routine visits to Out- posts and Lines etc. have been conducted.

7) Officers are instructed to encourage personnel to come out with their problems / grievances and also to ensure proper infrastructure for placing recreational activities for benefit of the troops.

8) Constant efforts are being made to improve the basic infrastructure and amenities, so as to improve the working conditions of the personnel.

Government have also granted various allowances viz. Risk & Hardship Allowance, Additional Free Railway Warrant/Leave Travel Concession (LTC), Additional House Rent Allowance (HRA) @ Y class city (16%) to CAPFs personnel posted in Kashmir Valley, Air Travel facility to non-entitled CAPFs personnel posted in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), Dress Allowance, Provision of Compensation for Housing to Personnel Below Officer Ranks (PBORs), Composite personnel maintenance allowance, Education concession to CAPFs personnel etc.

Besides, a Central Sector Scheme namely, Modernization Plan-IV for CAPFs (implementation period 01.01.2022 to 31.03.2026) has been implemented with an objective to improve the efficiency and performance of each CAPF by enhancing their capabilities through induction of latest and State of the art equipment in the areas of weaponry, communication, protective gears, surveillance and border guarding systems, training items, armoured vehicles and special transport vehicles.
