

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:587

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CRPF BATTALIONS

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of battalions of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) as on date in the country ;
- (b) whether the extant number of battalions of CRPF is adequate to meet the requirement of the States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of battalions of the CRPF in the country; and
- (e) the time by which the Government is likely to meet the requirement for this force in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): At present, CRPF has 196 operational battalions(Bns), including 10 Rapid Action Force Bns, 02 Mahila Bns and 02 Bns deputed to the National Disaster Response Forces (NDRF).

(b) to (e): "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per List-II of Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. The States and Union Territories are expected to maintain adequate strength of police, including armed police, to discharge their Constitutional responsibilities. The Central Government maintains the Central Reserve Police Force, an Armed Force of the Union, to assist the States and UTs in maintaining public order as and when necessity arises, and for internal security related duties. The strength of the Force is augmented from time to time after assessing the overall internal security scenario and the requirement of the States. From a Force strength of 1,81,136 in the year 2000, the sanctioned strength of the CRPF has gone upto 2,60,873 at present. In August, 2008, 10 more Bns (10,570 posts) have been sanctioned to CRPF to be raised as Special Commando Bns.