

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:442

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DISEASES AMONG CPF PERSONNEL

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of skin, heart and mental diseases, depression, high blood pressure, AIDS, cancer etc. are on the rise among the personnel of the Central Paramilitary Forces (CPFs);
- (b) if so, the total number of such cases which have come to light and the number of jawans who died due to such diseases during each of the last three years and the current year, force-wise and gender-wise;
- (c) the preventive measures taken by the Government including awareness programmes conducted in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the reasons for this increasing trend among the jawans of CPFs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.442 BY SHRI GOPINATH MUNDE AND SHRI RAMESH BAIS FOR ANSWER ON 27-04-2010

(a) & (b): There is no increase in the number of cases of skin, heart and mental diseases, depression, high blood pressure, AIDS, cancer diseases and deaths due to these diseases amongst the personnel of CPMF. The cases reported in respect of these diseases is 30351 in 2007, 25834 in 2008 and 23592 in 2009. Similar trend is also seen in death cases i.e. 373 in 2007, 426 in 2008 and 287 in 2009. Table showing number of CPMF personnel detected with skin, heart and mental diseases, depression, high blood pressure, AIDS, cancer and died due to these diseases is enclosed as Annexure.

(c): The following preventive measures have been adopted for providing better health care services to CPMF personnel:

- i) Mandatory Annual Medical Examination and regular screening via periodical medical examination.
- ii) Primary medical cover from Unit Hospitals.
- iii) Secondary health care through Composite Hospitals with authorization of specialists for better health care and follow up.
- iv) Regular health education for prevention of diseases.
- v) Force Aids Control Cell functioning with regional AIDS Control Cell at Sector level and Unit Aids Control Cell at Unit level.
- vi) Established four Anti Retroviral Treatment Centers (ART) for treatment of HIV / AIDS patients.
- vii) 180 Voluntary Confidential Counselling and Testing (VCCT) Centers with Rapid Diagnostic Kit (RDK) facilities and 40 VCCT centers with Enzyme Linked Immuno-Sorbent Assay (ELISA) reader facility have been established throughout the country for testing HIV status of CPMF personnel.

(d) & e): As no alarming trends have been witnessed, no need has been felt for a study.