

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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HELICOPTER SERVICES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which helicopter services are being provided to the Central Para-Military Forces (CPMFs) alongwith the expenditure incurred in providing these services during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether there has been a rise in the accidents involving helicopters used by the CPMF;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total number of such accidents reported and personnel killed during the said period, force-wise;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide high quality and safe helicopter services to the CPMF; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to trained personnel in the use of these helicopters?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): The Helicopters services are provided to the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) during the last three years on requirement basis and also from the fleet of Indian Air Force on operational requirement basis. The services of these helicopters are being utilised for casualty evacuation and troop induction especially in Naxal affected areas, carriage of VIPs, communication duties, Reece and serviceable sorties, Air maintenance of inaccessible Border out post located at J&K, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Tripura, training and deployment of troops during important events and for Heliborne operations. Total expenditure incurred during the year 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 was Rs., 23,11,11,020, Rs.34,73,81,238 and Rs.26,57 ,80, 705 respectively.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. During the period, One Chetak Helicopter of Border Security Force met with an accident on 13th May 2011. 2 officers of BSF and the pilot of Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd (PHHL) were killed. Another accident happened on 19-10-20 involving one Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH)/ Dhruv Helicopter provided to Central Reserve Police Force in which 2 pilots and One Flight Technician from PHHL were killed.

(d): High safety standards are being implemented by Government for maintaining fleet of Helicopters as per the prescribed safety norms of Directorate General, Civil Aviation and Indian Air Force.

ALH/ Dhruv Helicopter fleet is maintained, operated through M/s HAL/ PHHL and MI-17 fleets is being maintained and operated by experienced team of Engineers/ Technicians and Pilots drawn from Indian Air Force on re-employment/ deputation basis.

(e): Pilots from CAPFs have been selected and sent for training to the Indian Air Force and Rotary Wing, Academy at M/s HAL. Selection and training process of Engineers for ALH/ Dhruv Helicopters has already started. Further, the CAPFs personnel are being imparted heliborne training i.e. slithering, rappelling, para-jumping etc. on operational requirement.