GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3167 ANSWERED ON:13.12.2011 DISEASES AMONG CPF PERSONNEL Kumar Shri Kaushalendra;Ramkishun Shri

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 are on the rise among the personnel of the Central Para-military 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 separately 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 JITENDRA SINGH)

(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 Central Para-military Forces (CPFs). Table showing number of CPFs personnel detected with skin, heart and mental diseases, depression, high blood pressure, AIDS, cancer and died due to these diseases for the last three years and the current year, force-wise and gender-wise is enclosed as Annexure.

(c): Besides setting up 180 Voluntary Confidential Counseling and Testing (VCCT) Centers, Unit Hospital & Composite Hospital, various preventive measures like mandatory Annual & Periodical Medical Examination, counseling and awareness programmes at unit level is being conducted regularly.

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