

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4211
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REDUCTION OF CPFS IN J K
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the strength of the Central Para-military Forces (CPFs) in the Kashmir valley has been reduced, recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial steps being taken by the Government to maintain peace in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (c): The deployment of Central Para-Military forces (now known as Central Armed Police Forces) CAPF in the Kashmir Valley is a subject of continuous appraisal and review. The force levels are maintained in order to meet the requirements of the State Government for the maintenance of law and order. It has been the endeavour of the Government to reduce CPMF deployment in a graded manner thereby entrusting more and more responsibility on the State force for the maintenance of law and order. All adjustments in the strength of Central Para-Military Force in J&K are made after careful consideration of all factors, view points and the ground situations. Force levels in the Kashmir Valley are maintained in close consultation with the State Government.