

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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STAMPEDE DURING RECRUITMENT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of recruitment drives conducted by the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) during each of the last three years and the current year, force-wise;
- (b) the total number of stampede cases reported and candidates killed/injured in recruitment camps during the said period, State-wise and force-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any investigations in this regard during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (e) the details of the compensation provided to the families of the deceased and the injured during the said period;and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to control the excessive crowd at the time of recruitment in advance?

Answer

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

(a): Total number of recruitment drives conducted by the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) during each of the last three years and the current year, force-wise are as under:-

FORCE	YEAR 2009	YEAR 2010	YEAR 2011	YEAR 2012	TOTAL
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CISF	10	3	10	6	29
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SSB	8	3	3	1	15
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BSF	-	10	7	9	26
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CRPF	2	4	1	1	8
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ITBP	6	12	10	3	31
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TOTAL	26	32	31	20	109
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Besides, from the year 2011-12, the recruitment of Constable/GD is being conducted through Staff Selection Commission (SSC).

(b): In the said period, there was no case of stampede, injury and death during recruitment. However, one person got injured due to stone pelting near the recruitment site outside the ITBP recruitment centre at Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh during the recruitment of Constable (Followers) held in the month of February, 2011. He is reported to have died later at Civil Hospital, Bareilly.

(c) to (e): A preliminary Inquiry followed by Court of Inquiry was conducted by ITBP with reference to the Bareilly incidence. In the inquiry reports it was concluded that the incident of stone pelting took place due to the skirmish of the mob of candidates swelled outside the recruitment camp with the police & local/villagers. No officer/official of ITBP was found responsible for the said incident. However, a show cause notice & Memorandum was issued to DIG ITBP Bareilly wherein he was advised to be more responsive and careful in discharge of duties in future.

As ITBP was not directly related to the reported death occurred, no compensation was payable to the family of the deceased by ITBP.

(f): In order to avoid occurrence of stampede like situation, a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was issued on 14.02.2011. Moreover, for Constable (GD) of all CAPFs since the year 2011 the recruitment is being made through Staff Selection Commission (SSC). As per this new SOP:-

(i) The applications will be invited by post to the designated Nodal office. The applicants will be required to submit the certified true copy of prescribed documents along with the application.

(ii) The Nodal Office shall scrutinize the applications based on the documents submitted alongwith application and issue admits cards to eligible applicants by post.

(iii) Not more than 600 applicants will be called for Physical Standard Test (PST)/Physical Efficiency Test (PET) at any centre in one cycle. After completion of one cycle i.e. tow days, the next batch will be taken up. The dates on the admit card should be staggered accordingly.

(iv) Alongwith the admit card a pamphlet giving salient guidelines will be enclosed, which will provide basic assistance to the candidates to go through the recruitment process.

(v) At each recruitment site the PO recruitment board will inform the candidates of every batch through Public Announcement (PA) system about the procedure to be followed and the same will also be displayed on the notice board out side each recruitment centre.

(vi) Besides, for the year 2012-13 onwards high jump & long jump have been done away with in PET category for recruitment in the post of Constable/GD in CAPFs & AR to simplify the recruitment procedure.

(vii) In addition, numbers of PST/PET centres have been increased.

(viii) The State/district administration, where the recruitment is scheduled to be held, are informed well in advance about the recruitment further seeking their assistance for the same on the scheduled date.