GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:781 ANSWERED ON:24.11.2009 WOMEN BATTALION IN BSF Reddy Shri Modugula Venugopala

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to induct a women battalion in Border Security Force (BSF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to impart training in weapon handling, intelligence, border management, sports, unarmed combat and guard duties to these personnel;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No Madam, the Government does not propose to induct a women battalion in BSF. However, BSF has so far recruited 656 Constables (Mahila) as per availability of normal vacancies arising every year.
- (c) to (e): Yes Madam, the recruited women personnel are imparted 38 weeks Basic Training at various BSF Training Centres, which covers weapon handling, intelligence, border management, sports, unarmed combat and guard duties, etc.