

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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DEATH OF CRPF PERSONNEL IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a large number of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel have reportedly died in naxal affected areas due to various diseases including malaria, heart attacks, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of CRPF personnel killed during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the CRPF personnel are prone to diseases due to hardships being faced by them on account of the nature of their jobs and unfavourable working conditions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard including improvement in the working condition of CRPF personnel posted in such areas?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): The details of deaths of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel deployed in LWE affected areas due to various diseases including malaria, heart attacks, etc. and killing by LWE cadres during the last three years and the current year (upto 02.03.2015) are Annexed.

(c) & (d): The CRPF personnel are posted in LWE affected areas, some of which are remote, inaccessible, densely forested and tough terrain with poor road connectivity. These areas are comparatively less developed with sub-optimal basic amenities. These factors do result in various ailments in the troops and problems in treatment.

The following steps have been taken to improve the health conditions and working conditions of the CRPF personnel posted in LWE areas:

(i) Health campaign programmes are launched to sensitize troops on dealing with stress, hypertension and other life style diseases.

(ii) Efforts to provide adequate and pro-active medical facilities have been initiated.

(iii) Continuous improvement in providing infrastructure facilities.

(iv) Leave applied by personnel are granted timely.

(v) Field Officers are instructed to encourage men to come out with their problems/grievances and also to implement methods such as early identification of mental illness and proper treatment.

(vi) Educating them in taking balanced diet, increase physical activities including Yoga, adequate sleep/rest and relaxation exercises.