

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN PERSONNEL IN CAPF

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the strength of women personnel in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, force-wise;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to increase the percentage of women personnel in CAPF upto 33 per cent and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the time by which recruitment of women personnel is likely to be conducted along with the steps taken to encourage women to join CAPF and to improve the facilities for women personnel in CAPF;
- (e) whether such women personnel are also likely to be inducted into the combat duty; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) & (b): In compliance of recommendations given by Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women in its sixth report, directions have been issued to all CAPFs to bring percentage of women in the forces to 5%. The force-wise details of women personnel at present are at statement at Annexure-I.

To enhance the strength of women in CAPFs, Government is taking continuous steps. Some of these steps are as follows:-

In the ongoing recruitment of Constables/General Duty, out of total vacancies of 62390, 8533 (about 14%) are earmarked for women.

Government has approved recruitment of 2772 Mahila personnel (21 Companies) during the year 2014-15 to 2017-18 in Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

Government has approved raising of 02 Mahila (women) Battalions in place of 02 General Duty Battalions in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) to be raised in the year 2015-16 and 2016-17.

(c)&(d): There is no proposal to increase the percentage of women personnel in CAPF upto 33 percent.

The steps taken to encourage the recruitment of women personnel and to improve the facilities/welfare for women personnel in CAPFs are at statement at Annexure-II.

(e) & (f): Yes, women personnel of General Duty cadre are deployed for performing combat duties like:-

(i) Gate management, Checking and Frisking.

(ii) Patrolling duties.

(iii) Interrogation and escorting of female apprehendees.

(iv) Law & Order duties

(v) Static guard duties at some of vital installations and also deployed during Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

(vi) Also deployed in Maoist affected states for anti naxal operations.