

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1450
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2014
VACANCIES IN SECURITY FORCES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the vacancies in Border Security Force (BSF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and other security agencies in the country;
- (b) whether there is a separate women battalion in each of these agencies and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the youth to enroll themselves in these agencies?

Answer

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

(a): The details of the vacancies in Border Security Force (BSF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and other Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) i.e. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and Assam Rifles (AR) are as under:-

Sl. No.	Force	Total strength in the Force (As on 01.11.2014)	Total Vacancies (As on 01.11.2014)
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| 1. | CRPF | 3,03,535 | 17,284 |
| 2. | BSF | 2,44,861 | 7,498 |
| 3. | CISF | 1,40,676 | 12,925 |
| 4. | ITBP | 78,740 | 11,482 |
| 5. | SSB | 88,469 | 12,153 |
| 6. | AR | 65,649 | 763 |

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(b): Amongst all CAPFs, only CRPF has separate women battalions. There are six battalions sanctioned in CRPF. Out of these six battalions, three have been raised and made operational.

(c): Following steps have been taken by the Government to encourage the youths of the Country to enroll themselves in CAPFs & AR:-

(i) Wide publicity is given to the various programs organized by the Forces, by giving publicity in the leading newspapers including vernacular papers as well as radio and television.

(ii) To ensure more fairness, transparency and reliability in the recruitment process, a centralized combined examination is conducted through Staff Selection Commission (SSC) for the post of Constable/ General Duty for all CAPFs & AR. The written exam is conducted by SSC on Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) Sheets to check any fudging. The question paper is set in Hindi, English and regional languages also. To obviate impersonation, biometric identification methods are used. Vigilance teams are deployed at the recruitment centres to check any malpractice. Quick action is taken on any reliable substantiated complaints of malpractice.

(iii) No fee is charged from candidates belonging to SC/ST category as well as the women candidates and the Ex-Servicemen.

(iv) In addition to the regular recruitments, Special Recruitment Rallies are also conducted, to fill the vacant posts in the areas or the districts where substantial number of vacancies remain unfilled from time to time as per the requirement. To acclimatize the candidates with the examination process, the candidates of border districts and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) States are given pre-training during special recruitment rallies.