



Ministry of Home Affairs

Substandard Food to Jawans Deployed at Borders

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As per information received from Forces, mechanism to check quality of food being served to jawans is in place. Forces (CAPFs) while deployed under Ops Control of Army procure ration as per defence food specification/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Also, some Forces like Assam Rifles is reported to have engaged nutritionist to prepare a standard menu based on calorific requirements of troops. In Forces, Unit Medical Officer/Duty officer/Senior officers check food for its nutritious value and quality during their visits. Monthly mess meeting is carried out to look into grievances and further improvements in the quality of food. In addition, this Ministry has also advised the forces that the senior officers may also partake the food prepared for jawans and endorse a note on the quality/quantity of food in inspection register.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijiju in a written reply to question by Shri Lal Sinh Vadodia in the Rajya Sabha today.

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