



# Cabinet approves conferment of Central Group 'A' Service and Cadre Review of Group 'A' Executive Officers of Sashastra Seema Bal

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The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved conferment of Central Group 'A' Service and Cadre. Review of Group 'A' Executive Officers of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) with net creation of 19 posts of various ranks from Assistant Commandant to Inspector General ranks to enhance the operational and administrative capabilities of SSB.

Increase of existing structure of Group 'A' posts from 1253 to 1272 posts are as follows:

1. Increase of 2 posts of Inspector General (SAG level).
2. Net increase of 11 posts of DIG /Commandant (JAG level)
3. Increase of 2 posts of DC (STS level).
4. Increase of 4 posts of AC (JTS level).

## Background:

The SSB was set up in 1963 to inculcate a sense of security, promoting national awareness and security consciousness in the border population. After transfer to MHA in 2001, it has been entrusted to guard Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan Borders. SSB also deployed in LWE affected areas and Counter Intelligence/Operations duties in Jammu & Kashmir and Assam. The present sanctioned strength of the Force is 96,093 having 73 Bns (including 2 NDRF Battalions). Earlier augmentation-cum-structuring exercises were taken in 2005, 2010 and 2011.

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