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FRAGGING AND SUICIDE AMONG CENTRAL FORCES

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- (a) the region-wise and force-wise details of fragging and suicide among Central forces during last three months;
- (b) the rank-wise classification of the victims;
- (c) what has been the major cause for such incidents;
- (d) what steps are being taken to prevent such incidents in future; and
- (e) what steps are being taken to improve the service conditions of the personnel in Central security forces?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) No fragging cases occurred during last three months. Region-wise details of Central Forces personnel committed suicide during the last three months:-

	CRPF	BSF	CISF	ITBP	SSB	AR
East	-	3	-	-	-	-
West	1	7	-	-	-	-
North	5	-	1	1	-	-
South	2	-	2	-	-	-
Central	2	-	-	-	-	-
North East	1	-	1	-	1	2

	CRPF	BSF	CISF	ITBP	SSB	AR
Subedar	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sub-Inspector	1	-	-	-	-	-
Naib Subedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
1Havldar	3	2	-	-	-	-
Naik	-	-	-	-	1	-
Constable	6	7	3	1	-	-
Follower (painter)	-	-	1	-	-	-
Enrolled Follower	1	1	-	-	-	-

(c) The major cause of such incidents are as follows:-

- i) Family/ Personal/ Domestic problems.
- ii) Separation from family for a long duration.
- iii) Prolonged sickness.
- iv) Mental depression.
- v) Psychiatric/emotional cases etc.
- vi) Fear of punishment for wrong doings.
- (vii) Long working hours in difficult areas.

(d) & (e) The following steps have been taken to prevent such incidents in future and to improve service conditions of these personnel:-

- i. Transparent leave policy.
- ii. Regular interaction, both formal and informal between Commanders / officers and troops.
- iii. Grievances redressal machinery has been revamped.
- iv. Telephone facilities have been made available to the troops so as to facilitate their attachment with their family members and to reduce tension.
- v. Yoga and meditation classes have been introduced for better stress management.
- vi. Recreational and sports facilities have been provided.
- vii. Basic amenities / facilities for troops and their families have been introduced.
- viii. Providing of better medical facilities.
- ix. Hygienic working and living environment maintained.
- x. Educating the troop on prophylactic measures against HIV / AIDS and STD.
- xi. Detailed medical examination of the personnel annually.