

(d) if so, the facts thereof and further steps Government proposes to take to bring transparency in awarding such contracts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) As per the information received from the Ministry of Defence, a case relating to procurement of Concerting Wire, Barbed wire and Angle Iron Picket by the Army from NCCF, Jammu for the fencing along LoC (Line of Control) between India and Pakistan is under investigation by the CBI.

Health problems of CRPF personnel

†1252. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50 per cent employees of the Central Reserve Police Force are suffering from problems such as skin disease, depression, high blood pressure and heart and mental diseases;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that 1425 personnel of CRPF lost their lives owing to various diseases, including cancer, between the year 2005 and 2008; and

(c) if so, the details of causes which led to Jawans suffering from various diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Posting Policy for Jawans of CRPF

†1253. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the Central Reserve Police Force do not get 'peace posting' (posting at undisturbed area) even after a period of nearly over 20 years;

(b) if so, whether Government has formulated any posting policy for the jawans of CRPF;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not formulating the posting policy for jawans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Transfer policy in respect of jawans already exists in CRPF, which takes into account various service related aspects such as professional requirements, career management etc.

(d) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.