

[23 March, 2005]

RAJYA SABHA

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Govt has sanctioned a location for BSF reserve Unit in Kerala for which the State Government has been requested to provide land *vide* DG BSF letter dated 27.12.2004.

(c) and (d) BSF Reserve Bn. headquarters have been sanctioned in 17 States including 1 in Kerala. Request for allotment of land has been sent to these States in December 2004 and the matter is being pursued.

**AIDS among CRPF personnel**

2405. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ,:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 150 CRPF personnel have been detected to have AIDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any special drive is going to be organized either by the CRPF or any other institution to control this; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As on date 158 AIDS/HIV-positive cases in CRPF personnel have come to light.

(c) and (d) The following steps have been taken to check the disease:-

(i) Awareness has been created amongst the CRPF personnel through departmental instructions, pamphlets, video cassettes, films etc.

(ii) Medical and para-medical staff have been given training by National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO).

(iii) Preventive measures are regularly circulated for information of personnel.

(iv) Workshop for Senior Officers and Force personnel was conducted by Delhi State AIDS Control Society.

(v) CRPF wives welfare association has initiated HIV/AIDS awareness programme among families through Delhi AIDS Control Society.