

Following the earthquake on 18th September 2011 in Sikkim and other areas, all the resources available at the local, District, State and National were deployed for rescue, relief and response purpose. In addition to the personnel from Army and ITBP already located at different places in the State of Sikkim, ten teams of National Disaster Response Force were also mobilized for rescue, relief and response purpose. Necessary financial and logistic assistance by way of deployment of aircrafts, helicopters, shifting of the people to the safer places, setting up of relief camps, providing gratuitous relief, distribution of essential commodities, dropping of food packets, medical aid, hospitalization of the affected persons were provided in the affected area in coordination with the State and local administration.

For strengthening the response mechanism of the State and other stakeholders, several programmes are underway for capacity development through National Disaster Management Authority, National Disaster Response Force and National Institute for Disaster Management, besides programme being run with the help of International Agencies such as UNDP, USAID etc.

Strength of Paramilitary Forces

†1005. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status regarding the strength of Indo-Tibetan Border Police and other paramilitary forces which come under the Ministry of Home Affairs;
- (b) the vacant posts at officer and sepoy level in these forces respectively;
- (c) the number of forces out of them which have their own aeroplane/helicopter services; and
- (d) the number of forces who borrow aeroplane/helicopter from other forces according to the need?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH):
(a) Present status regarding the strength of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)/Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs) including ITBP, under the Ministry of Home Affairs is as under:

Name of CAPF	Present posted strength
1	2
ITBP	53,135
AR	63,898

1	2
BSF	2,14,858
CISF	1,11,088
CRPF	2,71,604
NSG	8,926
SSB	57,229
Total	7,80,738

(b) Vacant posts at officer and Sepoy level in these forces :

Name of CAPF	Vacancies			
	Officer level (Group -A officers)	JCOs/ SOs level (including Group -B Gazetted)	Sepoy level (Head Constables and below)	Total Vacancies
ITBP	612	2,725	14,051	17,388
AR	250	619	716	1,585
BSF	1,159	3,984	20,531	25,674
CISF	254	4,192	12,874	17,320
CRPF	884	3,571	12,564	17,019
NSG	91	322	168	581
SSB	801	6,603	13,912	21,316
Total	4,051	22,016	74,816	1,00,883

(c) and (d) Only BSF has an Air Wing which operates aeroplanes and helicopters to meet the operational requirement of MHA and CAPFs. The CAPFs utilise the aeroplane and helicopter services from BSF Air Wing and Indian Air Force on the basis of their operational requirement. Besides this, NSG also utilises the services provided by Aviation Research Centre (ARC) and Civil Airlines to meet their urgent operational requirement.

Incidents of terrorism in the country

†1006. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.