

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Stress Counsellors are not being hired in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs). However, 642 posts in different ranks of Education and Stress Counsellors (E&SC) already exists in Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). Courses/workshops on stress reduction and stress management are being conducted in CAPFs. MHA has also issued instructions to incorporate Yoga as a part of daily physical exercise in field formations of CAPFs. This will help the para-military personnel to beat their stress, if any, and keep them physically as well as mentally better off. Advertisement for recruitment of 44 Head Constables/ Education and Stress Counsellors (E&SC) has been recently issued against vacant posts already sanctioned in ITBP.

**Conducting of yoga sessions, leave and other facilities
for para-military forces**

1205. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had asked the para-military forces to hold regular yoga sessions, make easy the mechanism of granting leave and other facilities to troops and officers working in para-military forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the directions of Government as above have been implemented in these forces; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. MHA has issued instructions to all CAPFs *vide* UO dated 26.05.2015, to incorporate Yoga as part of daily physical exercise. The troops and officers in CAPFs are being granted leave as per extant rules. Recreation and various sports facilities have been provided at each establishment/location.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. All CAPFs have complied to the instructions issued to this effect and furnished a compliance report to this Ministry.

Agreement with the US terrorist screening centre

1206. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has signed agreements with the US Terrorist Screening Centre, a multi agency Organisation administered by the FBI which maintains a single, consolidated terrorist data base, if so, the details thereof;