

business visit and casual visit to meet friends or relatives etc. Inclusion of more categories/countries in e-tourist visa scheme is a continuous process which is done after appropriate consultation with the stake holders.

Vacancy in IPS cadre

1972. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 900 posts are lying vacant in the IPS cadre, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when Government intends to fill these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir. As on 01.01.2016, total 3894 IPS officers are in position against authorised strength of 4802. Therefore, the available vacancies in the Indian Police Service are 908. Vacancies in the service are caused due to factors such as retirement, resignation, death, removal from service etc.

(b) Filling up the vacancies is a continuous process. Every year officers are recruited in IPS both through direct recruitment as well as promotion from State Police Service.

Dishonour shown to the dead body of constable of CRPF

1973. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) to examine and report to it at the earliest on the alleged dishonour shown to the body of a constable of CRPF who died last month;

(b) if so, whether Government has received any report/reply from CRPF;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the CRPF had not followed the laid down policy after the constable died after falling into a water tank at CRPF camp in Bilaspur district in Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The factual report on the matter was asked from Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the reply of which has been received. CRPF has followed the laid down policy. As per the organizational tradition, the mortal remains were handled with utmost respect, care and promptness.