

Augmentation of strength of CISF

361. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently sanctioned 2000 posts to the existing strength of 1.8 lakh personnel for CISF to share the increased responsibilities;
- (b) if so, the detailed break-up of sanctioned posts;
- (c) whether CISF has any provision already in place to upgrade the efficiency to become one of the best internationally; and
- (d) if not, whether any such proposal is under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI): (a) and (b) No post has been sanctioned beyond the existing ceiling strength of 1,80,000 posts authorized for CISF.

(c) and (d) Upgradation in efficiency in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) including CISF, is an ongoing continuous process. To modernize and improve efficiency of CAPFs, the Government has approved Modernization plans for equipping them with latest technology, modern weaponry and vehicles. Further, CISF is providing training to force personnel through in-service specialized courses in order to upgrade the efficiency of the Force.

Damage due to cyclone

362. SHRI RAJEEV SATAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a severe cyclone 'Amphan' and 'Nisarga' has struck several parts of the country;
- (b) if so, impact of cyclone on farmers/fishermen and the details of losses suffered and the names of States that have been severely affected along with the report of damage to property, crops, fishing equipment and the number of people killed, injured and missing, State-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has taken/ proposes to take any concrete steps to provide a permanent solution with the latest technological support and financial support to farmers to combat the wrath of cyclones which affects the States every year?