

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 390**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23RD JULY, 2025/ SRAVANA 1, 1947 (SAKA)

VACANCIES IN PARA MILITARY FORCES

390 SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge vacancy in the six central para-military forces;

(b) if so, the details of sanctioned strength, in-position strength and vacancies in each of the forces for last five years, year-wise and force-wise;

(c) the reasons behind such vacancies; and

(d) the time by when Government proposes to complete the pending recruitment process?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a): No.

(b): Details of sanctioned strength, in-position strength and vacancies in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Assam Rifles (ARs) for last 5 years, year-wise and force-wise are enclosed as per Annexure- 'A'.

(c) & (d): Vacancies in CAPFs & AR arise on account of retirements, resignation, promotion, death, new raising of Battalion, creation of new posts etc. Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. The Ministry has been taking and will continue to take earnest steps to fill up the vacancies expeditiously through UPSC, SSC and the forces concerned. The Government has taken inter alia the following further steps to fill up the vacancies expeditiously in CAPFs & AR;

- (i) Yearly recruitment for the post of Constable (General Duty) for which a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with Staff Selection Commission (SSC).**
- (ii) For coordinating recruitment to General Duty posts, a Nodal Force for recruitment in the rank of Constable (General Duty), Sub-Inspector (GD) and Assistant Commandant (General Duty) has been nominated on long term basis.**
- (iii) Directions have been issued to all Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles to undertake recruitment against vacant posts in Non-General Duty cadres in a time-bound manner.**

- (iv) Timely conduct of meetings of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for filling up of promotional vacancies.**
- (v) Time taken in the Medical Examination has been reduced to expedite the recruitment.**
- (vi) Cut off marks for short listing of candidates for Constable/GD has been lowered in order to get sufficient candidates (especially in categories where shortfalls have been observed).**

Details of sanctioned strength, in position Strength and vacancies as on 01.01.2025 for last 5 years, year-wise and force-wise.

Years	Force-wise	Sanctioned Strength	In position strength	Vacancies
2025	AR	65,540	61,749	3,791
	BSF	2,72,447	2,57,980	14,467
	CISF	1,93,970	1,50,720	33,847
	CRPF	3,30,983	2,96,114	34,869
	ITBP	1,03,622	88,587	15,035
	SSB	1,00,548	92,689	7,859
Total		10,67,110	9,47,839	1,09,868 *

* Presently, 72,689 vacancies of various posts have been notified for recruitment, which are underway.

Years	Force-wise	Sanctioned Strength	In position strength	Vacancies
2024	AR	65,540	63,464	2,076
	BSF	2,65,331	2,58,626	6,705
	CISF	1,76,132	1,50,523	18,078
	CRPF	3,25,201	3,00,223	24,978
	ITBP	96,030	88,883	7,147
	SSB	97,774	91,861	5,913
Total		10,26,008	9,53,580	64,897

Years	Force-wise	Sanctioned Strength	In position strength	Vacancies
2023	AR	65,540	61,807	3,733
	BSF	2,65,277	2,45,290	19,987
	CISF	1,70,343	1,42,136	19,583
	CRPF	3,24,654	2,95,371	29,283
	ITBP	90,728	86,586	4,142
	SSB	97,774	90,128	7,646
Total		10,14,316	9,21,318	84,374

Years	Force-wise	Sanctioned Strength	In position strength	Vacancies
2022	AR	65,540	59,723	5,817
	BSF	2,65,277	2,43,784	21,493
	CISF	1,64,124	1,45,201	11,765
	CRPF	3,24,654	3,09,544	15,110
	ITBP	88,430	84,233	4,197
	SSB	97,790	87,498	10,292
Total		10,05,815	9,29,983	68,674

Years	Force-wise	Sanctioned Strength	In position strength	Vacancies
2021	AR	65,540	57,290	8,250
	BSF	2,65,173	2,36,158	29,015
	CISF	1,63,313	1,39,192	19,328
	CRPF	3,24,723	2,96,393	28,330
	ITBP	88,439	82,831	5,608
	SSB	97,792	79,149	18,643
Total		10,04,980	8,91,013	1,09,174
