

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 379
ANSWERED ON 19.07.2017**

All women India Reserve Battalion

379 Smt. Renuka Chowdhury

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government has decided to raise an all-women India Reserve Battalion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to strictly deal with stone pelting problem?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) & (b) Government of India had approved raising of 5 India Reserve Battalions for J & K Police on 10.02.2016. Subsequently State Government raised a demand to create a Women Police Battalion for J & K Police to address the issues relating to gender based violence faced by Women. Keeping in view the need raised by the State Government for creation of a Women Police Battalion for J & K Police, the State Government of J & K was asked to raise one or two Women Battalions out

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of the 5 India Reserve Battalions sanctioned for J & K. It was also mentioned that MHA policy is to reserve 33% seats for women; therefore, MHA would encourage J & K Government to raise 2 women battalions. However, citing that the process of recruitment of 5 India Reserve Battalions has already been set in motion, the State Government has reiterated its proposal for creation of one new exclusive Battalion for women.

(c) State Government of Jammu & Kashmir has issued an Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for dispersal of unlawful assemblies/crowd control in Jammu & Kashmir and use of force.
