

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 1180
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2017**

IR battalion of women cadre

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Shri Ripun Bora

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up India Reserve Battalion of women cadre for special security;
- (b) if so, details of proposal therein; and
- (c) the target to provide all India basis job and budget recommendations therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) 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 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.
