

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

Increasing the strength of Rapid Action Force

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

- (a) whether Government has decided to increase the strength of Rapid Action Force by adding five new battalions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move;
- (c) whether Rapid Action Force battalions of CRPF have been located in several States;
- (d) if so, the number of States that have submitted proposal for establishment of a Rapid Action Force battalion of CRPF in the State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such battalion is likely to be established in Rajasthan?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): Considering the increased demand of various State Governments for Central Forces to assist them in controlling riot and riot-like situations, Government vide order dated 21.9.2016 has approved raising 5 more Rapid Action Force (RAF) Battalions by converting 5 existing General Duty battalions of CRPF.

(c): The existing RAF Battalions are located in Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telengana, Tamil Nadu and Delhi.

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(d) to (e): Since 2013, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Tripura have requested for establishment of RAF in their States. The Key Location Plan of the new five RAF Bns are in the States of Haryana, Karnataka, Bihar, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Sanction for manpower for the five new RAF Bns have since been accorded. In respect of Rajasthan, sanction has also been issued for acquisition of 50 acres land at Jaipur (Rajasthan).
