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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
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Posting of female squad of ITBP on India China border

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- (a) whether Government is considering to post, for the first time, ITBP's first female squad of 500 freshly trained personnel, in the rank of Constable, on the India-China border;
- (b) if so, whether it will be ensured that this female squad is sent to frontier areas for final acclimatisation before being deployed at ITBP posts along the 3,488 km. Sino-India Line of Actual Control (LAC); and
- (c) the details about their training in battle craft and mountain survival and high altitude acclimatisation before their deployment to China-India Line of Actual Control (LAC)?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
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- (a) Deployment of personnel in any place is the prerogative of the Force. ITBP is competent to consider deployment of female personnel at appropriate places depending on operational requirements.
- (b) There is a well set practice of acclimatization drill in ITBP in which all personnel proceeding for BOP at high altitude areas are put through.
- (c) The syllabus devised for these female squad include total 108 periods of training in Battle Craft consisting 48 period of lectures, 48 periods of practicals and 12 periods for night training covering topics on tactical terms, to capture and release the bounds, patrolling, ambush, raid, harbour, to capture defended locality of Section/Platoon, and arranging weapons of Section/Platoon, characteristics of mountains and effect on Jawans health, weapons and on animals on high altitude, reece/patrolling on high mountains, intrusion on hilly areas, indications of targets, field signals, section formation and scouting, etc.
