

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2542
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ALCOHOLIC PERSONNEL OF CRPF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the CRPF has identified personnel who are in danger of getting alcoholic;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to launch a major intervention programme to save them from turning chronic tipplers?

Answer

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS) (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b) : Out of total force strength of 2,48,689, only 496 chronic cases of alcoholism have been found in CRPF. The reasons leading to alcoholism are : separation from family for long durations and stress, mostly due to domestic problems.

(c): To create awareness among force personnel about alcoholism and substance abuse, lectures are delivered by Medical Officers in Unit/GC about alcoholism and its abuse. Early symptoms and signs of addiction/ dependence are explained. CRPF wives welfare association (CWWA) in association with Society for Promotion of Youth Masses(SPYM) and UNODC (United Nation Office on Drug and Crime) has also taken an initiative in this regard.

Chronic cases of alcoholism are treated at Base Hospital of CRPF by psychiatrists and also in de-addiction clinics.