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Title: Regarding poor conditions of CRPF personnel.

SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL (ZAHEERABAD): Hon. Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards the poor condition of the CRPF personnel in the country.

Being a Member of the Standing Committee on Home Affairs, I recently got a chance to visit and analyze the working conditions of CRPF. What I saw was that even basic facilities are not being provided to the personnel. If there are some facilities, they are in worst conditions. This is the reason why India is losing more para-military personnel because of poor working conditions and high stress levels rather than the enemy's bullets. Shocking statistics reveal that one para-military troop commits suicide every three day. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel who are fighting Maoists in the jungles are facing the worst condition. Even diseases like heart attacks, malaria and HIV are taking its toll on the forces. The three ailments have claimed the lives of 1,131 personnel in the last five years while the number of personnel killed by Maoists is 323.

The CRPF, the country's largest para-military force, with over three lakh personnel, has been stressed by fights in hostile conditions, be it fighting the Naxals in jungles, serving in tough terrains in the North-East or battling terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir. The conditions seem to have taken a toll on the personnel with 370 suicides between 2012 and 2014 in all para-military forces. Lack of basic amenities like toilets also affects the force in Maoist-hit jungles. A recent report said that the poor conditions of personnel was forcing early exit from the Force.

The CRPF report on high stress levels due to tough working conditions was submitted to the Home Ministry in September 2014. It said that the CRPF personnel are not able to fulfil social obligations like attending marriages, deaths and other ceremonies in the immediate family and society.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Ram Tahal Chaudhary.

SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL: One minute, Madam.

HON. SPEAKER: You are reading the whole page.

SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL: This creates a sense of isolation, hampers proper matrimonial alliances and ostracizes them from society. The constant separation from family only compounds the problem. The poor living conditions make the personnel vulnerable to diseases and behavioural issues. ...*(Interruptions)*

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Ram Tahal Chaudhary. It is all right now. Nothing will go on record.

*â€“(Interruptions) â€***

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, Shri Bidyut Baran Mahato, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Shri Sumedhanand Sarswati are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Bheemrao B. Patil.