CHAPTER – 3

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS AND SUICIDES IN CENTRAL ARMED POLICE FORCES
(As Registered by States/UTs)

Introduction

Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) refers to seven central security forces of the country under administrative control of Ministry of Home Affairs. They consist of Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Assam Rifles (AR) and National Security Guard (NSG). CAPFs play a vital role in guarding borders and assisting Centre/State Governments in maintenance of internal security and in curbing other illegal/unlawful activities.

As on 1.1.2019 CAPFs have the actual strength of 9,23,800 personnel*. Thus it is imperative to study and understand the causalties & suicides in these forces for preventive measures. In this context, the Bureau has started collecting data on accidental deaths and suicides in CAPFs since 2014.

Accidental Deaths of CAPF personnel

As per data received from States/UTs, a total of 104 CAPF personnel lost their lives in various accidents during 2019. The State/UT wise information on accidental deaths of CAPF personnel during the year 2019 is presented in Table–3.1.

The cause-wise analysis of accidental deaths of CAPF personnel revealed that maximum casualties of forces have been reported under ‘Deaths due to Other Causes’* (59.6%) (62), followed by ‘Deaths due to Road/Railway Accidents’ (23.1%) (24) out of total 104 accidental deaths in CAPFs during 2019. ‘Killed in Action/Operation/Encounters etc.’ (14) accounted for 13.5% of total accidental deaths during 2019. [Table-3.1].

14 Central Armed Police Forces personnel sacrificed their lives in the category ‘Killed in Action/Operation/Encounters etc.’ Chhattisgarh accounted for 57.1% of total such deaths followed by Jammu & Kashmir 42.9% (6 deaths).

Under ‘Deaths due to Other Causes’*, 25.8% and 16.1% of deaths were reported in Jammu & Kashmir (16) and Rajasthan (10) out of 62 deaths respectively.

Rajasthan alone reported 20.8% (5 out of 24 deaths) of total casualties in ‘Deaths due to Road/Railway Accidents’ in the country during 2019.

Suicides in Central Armed Policed Forces

A total of 36 CAPF personnel have committed suicides during 2019. The State/UT wise details on suicides committed by CAPF personnel during the year 2019 are presented in Table–3.2.

The cause-wise analysis of suicidal deaths of CAPF personnel reveals that 38.9% (14) were due to ‘Family Problems’. A total of 3 suicides were due to ‘Service Related Issues’.

As per State & UT wise patterns of suicides, 5 suicides were reported in Rajasthan followed by Tamil Nadu (4) and Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Nagaland, Tripura & Delhi UT (3 each) during 2019. These 8 States together accounted for 75.0% (27 out of 36) of total suicides in CAPFs in the country. Out of 5 suicides reported in Rajasthan, 4 were due to ‘Family Problems’.

+ Source: Data on Police Organisation in India, as on 1.1.2019, BPR&D

* includes Air Crash, Collapse of Structure, Drowning, Electrocution, Accidental Explosion, Falls, Factory/Machine Accidents, Accidental Fire, Firearms, Mines or Quarry Disaster, Stampede, Sudden Deaths, Deaths of Women during Pregnancy, Deaths due to consumption of I illicit/Spurious Liquor, Killed/Injured by Animals, Poisoning, Suffocation, Drug Overdose and Causes not Known.
Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India 2019

**FIGURE–3.1**
Causes-wise Accidental Deaths of CAPF Personnel during 2019
(As Registered by States/UTs)

- Deaths due to Forces of Nature, 4
- Killed in Action/ Operation/ Encounters/etc., 14
- Deaths due to Road/Railway Accidents, 24
- Deaths Due to Other Causes, 62

• As per data provided by States/UTs.

**FIGURE–3.2**
Causes-wise Suicides of CAPF Personnel during 2019
(As Registered by States/UTs)

- Family Problems, 14
- Service Related Issues, 1
- Marriage Related Issues, 3
- Other Causes, 9
- Fall in Social Reputation, 1
- Causes not Known, 8

• As per data provided by States/UTs.

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