CHAPTER – 3
ACCIDENTAL DEATHS AND SUICIDES IN CENTRAL ARMED POLICE FORCES
(As Registered by States/UTs)

Introduction

Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) refers to common nomenclature of seven security forces of the country. CAPF is under administrative control of Ministry of Home Affairs. CAPF consists 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 1.1.2018 CAPFs have the actual strength of 9,29,289 personnel. Thus it is imperative to study and understand the causalities & 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 113 CAPF personnel lost their lives in various accidents during 2017. The State/UT-wise information on accidental deaths of CAPF personnel during the year 2017 is presented in Table–3.1.

The cause-wise analysis of accidental deaths of CAPF personnel revealed that maximum causalities of forces have been reported under ‘Killed in Action/Operation/Encounters/etc.’ (42.5%) (48 out of 113 deaths), followed by ‘Deaths due to Other causes* (except Road/Railway Accidents)’ accounting for 20.4% (23 out of 113 deaths) of total accidental deaths in CAPFs during 2017. Deaths due to Road/Railway Accidents’ (17 out of 113 deaths) accounted for 15.0% of total accidental deaths during 2017. [Table-3.1].

40 Central Armed Police Forces personnel died in ‘Killed in Action/Operation/Encounters etc.’ in Chhattisgarh accounted for 83.3% of total such deaths followed by Jammu & Kashmir 16.7% (8 deaths) during 2017.

State/UT-wise patterns of accidental deaths of CAPF personnel revealed that 34.8% and 21.7% of deaths due to Other Causes* (except Road/Railway Accidents) were reported in Jammu & Kashmir (8 out of 23 deaths) and Rajasthan (5 out of 23 deaths) respectively during 2017.

Jammu & Kashmir alone reported 29.4% (5 out of 17 deaths) of total causalities in ‘Deaths due to Road/Railway Accidents’ in the country during 2017.

Suicides in Central Armed Policed Forces

A total of 60 CAPF personnel have committed suicides during 2017. The State/UT wise details on suicides committed by CAPF personnel during the year 2017 are presented in Table–3.2.

The cause-wise analysis of suicidal deaths of CAPF personnel reveals that 28.3% (17 out of 60 suicides) and 23.3% (14 out of 60 suicides) of suicides in CAPFs were due to ‘Family Problems’ and ‘Marriage Related Issues’ respectively. A total of 10 suicides in CAPFs were due to ‘Service Related Issues’ during 2017.

As per State & UT wise patterns of suicides, 15 suicides were reported in Rajasthan followed by Haryana (11 suicides), Chhattisgarh (8 suicides) and Tripura & Delhi UT (4 Suicides each) during 2017. These 5 States together accounted for 70.0% (42 out of 60) of total suicides in CAPFs in the country.

11 out of 11 suicides reported in Haryana were due to ‘Marriage Related Issues’. Similarly, 3 out of 4 suicides reported in Delhi UT were reported due to ‘Service Related Issues’ during 2017.

\* Source: Data on Police Organisation in India, as on 1.1.2018, 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 due to consumption of Illicit/Spurious Liquor, Killed/Injured by Animals, Poisoning, Suffocation, Drug Overdose
Figure – 3.1
Causes-wise Accidental Deaths of CAPF Personnel during 2017
(As Registered by States/UTs)

- As per data provided by States/UTs.

Figure – 3.2
Causes-wise Suicides of CAPF Personnel during 2017
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