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**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS**

New Delhi, September 15, 2020

Central Government was fully conscious that during the period of an inevitable lockdown, people should not be deprived of essential supplies. The situation was closely monitored 24\*7 through Control Rooms at national level. With a view to provide food, health care and shelter to homeless people including migrant workers, Central Government on 28.03.2020, allowed the State Governments to use State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for this purpose.

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) also issued regular advisories to States/Union Territories (UTs) to take all necessary measures to provide shelters, food, water, health facilities and also proper counselling to migrant workers.

MHA on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 allowed movement of migrant workers within the States/UTs so that these workers could be engaged in industrial, farming, construction, manufacturing and MNREGA works as additional new activities were permitted outside containment zones with effect from 20.04.2020. MHA vide orders dated 29<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020, further allowed movement of migrants workers to their native places by buses and Shramik special trains respectively.

Data on the number of persons who died on road while trying to reach their home State during COVID-19 lockdown is not centrally maintained. However, all necessary steps were taken by Central Government to facilitate the movement of migrant workers.

The Central Government, on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 announced a relief package under the “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana”, totaling Rs.1.70 lakh crore for the poor to help them fight the battle against Corona Virus. Around 42 crore poor people have received financial assistance of Rs. 68, 820 crore under this scheme. Further the Central Government have launched the “Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan” on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning to villages, in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai in a written reply to question in the Lok Sabha today.

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**NDMA GUIDELINES ON LOCKDOWN**

New Delhi, September 15, 2020

In terms of Section 6 (2) (i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (DM Act, 2005), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), on being satisfied that the country is threatened by the spread of COVID – 19 pandemic, has been directing Union Home Secretary, being the Chairperson of the National Executive Committee (NEC), to take measures and to issue necessary guidelines so as to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country. Accordingly, NEC has been issuing guidelines about the Lockdown and Unlock phases in the country from time to time.

By imposing country-wide Lockdown, India successfully blunted the aggressive spread of COVID-19. The period of Lockdown helped the nation create much required additional health infrastructure. During this time, dedicated isolation beds recorded an increase of 22 times and dedicated ICU beds above 14 times to what existed in March 2020. Similarly, laboratory capacity for testing COVID-19 was increased nearly 10 times during this time. Whereas there was no indigenous manufacturing of Personal Protective Equipments (PPE), with the requisite standards, at that point in time, the country is now self-sufficient and in a position to export the same. Similarly, the limited indigenous manufacturing capacity available for masks, ventilators, etc, at the time of Lockdown, was also enhanced to attain self-reliance in this regard. During this period, requirement of various cadres of personnel and volunteers across sectors and departments for COVID-19 related works and maintenance of other essential medical services was worked out, and trained through resources made available on the website of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and iGOT, an online platform (<https://igot.gov.in/igot/>). It has been estimated that the decision of Lockdown, by slowing down the spread of pandemic in India, has prevented 14–29 lakh cases and 37–78 thousand deaths.

Government of India has taken a series of comprehensive actions to prevent, control and mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Hon’ble Prime Minister, a High level Group of Ministers (GoM), Cabinet Secretary, Committee of Secretaries and senior officers in the Ministry of Home Affairs, NDMA, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and other Ministries/Departments concerned continue to monitor public health response to COVID-19 in the country.

States are free to take steps for restricting the disease in their respective States subject to compliance with the guidelines issued by the National Executive Committee as per recommendations of the NDMA.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai in a written reply to question in the Lok Sabha today.

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**COVID-19 CASES IN CAPFs**

New Delhi, September 15, 2020

CAPF wise details of Covid-19 positive cases and deaths due to Covid-19 as on 10.09.2020 is given below:-

<b>Name of the Force</b>	<b>Total positive cases</b>	<b>No of deaths</b>
<b>BSF</b>	<b>8083</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>CRPF</b>	<b>8270</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>CISF</b>	<b>1312</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>ITBP</b>	<b>3067</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>SSB</b>	<b>2869</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>NSG</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ARs</b>	<b>1605</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>25418</b>	<b>100</b>

In addition to normal benefits available to a CAPF personnel on death, it has been decided to provide Rs. 15 lakh to Next of Kins through “Bharat Ke Veer” Funds, in case CAPF personnel dies due to Covid-19 infection contracted while deployed on Covid-19 related duties.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai in a written reply to question in the Lok Sabha today.

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**DEATHS OF CAPFs IN J&K**

New Delhi, September 15, 2020

Jammu and Kashmir is affected by terrorism sponsored and supported from across the border for more than last three decades. The Government has adopted a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism. Security forces are taking effective and continuous action in countering terrorism. As a result, 138 terrorists have been neutralized in Jammu and Kashmir from 01.03.2020 till 31.08.2020. During this period of six months, 50 security force personnel have attained martyrdom in terrorist related incidents and ceasefire violations/cross border firings in Jammu and Kashmir.

Ex-gratia relief is given to the Next of Kin (NoK) as per the extant rules of the security forces concerned.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy in a written reply to question in the Lok Sabha today.

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**CROSS BORDER INTRUSION**

New Delhi, September 15, 2020

Regular attempts for infiltration by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir are sponsored and supported from across the border. The number of attempts of infiltration and estimated net infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir, month-wise, during the last 12 months (August 2019 – July 2020) are given below:

S. No.	Month	Infiltration attempts	Net estimated infiltration
1.	August 2019	48	32
2.	September 2019	40	36
3.	October 2019	26	12
4.	November 2019	6	0
5.	December 2019	9	3
6.	January 2020	3	3
7.	February 2020	0	0
8.	March 2020	3	3
9.	April 2020	23	18
10.	May 2020	8	4
11.	June 2020	0	0
12.	July 2020	10	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>176</b>	<b>111</b>

India's land borders are characterized by deserts, mountains, forests and riverine terrain. Government of India has adopted a multi-pronged approach to stop cross-border intrusions and secure our territories, which inter-alia include deployment of Border Guarding Forces along the International Borders, effective domination of the borders by patrolling, laying Nakas, manning observation posts along the borders, vulnerability mapping of Border Out Posts (BOPs), deployment of surveillance equipment, strengthening of intelligence network, erection of border fencing & floodlighting and deployment of technological solutions in non-feasible areas like riverine gaps, etc.

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**STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR COVID-19**

New Delhi, September 15, 2020

The Central Government, on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 announced a relief package under the “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana”, totaling Rs.1.70 lakh crore for the poor to help them fight the battle against Corona Virus. Around 42 crore poor people have received financial assistance of Rs. 68, 820 crore under this scheme.

Central Government allowed the State Governments to use the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 for taking measures for quarantine facilities, sample, collection and screening, procurement of essential equipments/labs for COVID-19. Thereafter, on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, Central Government also allowed State Governments to use SDRF for making provisions of temporary accommodation, food, clothing, medical care, etc., to homeless people including migrant labourers. To augment the funds with the States, Central Government released in advance Rs.11, 092 crores from the SDRF to the States on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2020.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare approved the India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package of Rs. 15,000 crores. The said Package seeks to support States/UTs in establishment of COVID dedicated facilities for treatment of COVID-19 cases including for critical care, enhancement in testing capacities, engagement and training of necessary human resources and procurement of essential equipment and protective gear for the health care personnel engaged in COVID-19 duties, etc.

Additionally, State Governments have been allowed additional borrowing limit of up to 2 percent of Gross State Domestic Product (GSPD) for the year 2020-21. As against the additional borrowing limit of 2% of GSDP, consent for borrowing of 0.50 percent of GSDP amounting to Rs. 1,06,830 crore has already been issued to the States to raise Open Market Borrowing (OMB) during the year 2020-21.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai in a written reply to question in the Lok Sabha today.

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**FOREIGN FUNDING TO NGOs**

New Delhi, September 15, 2020

Details of the Foreign Contribution (FC) received and utilized by the associations registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) during the last 3 years are as under:-

Year	Total FC received including interest on FC (Rupees in Cr.)	Total FC utilized
2016-17	18337.66	The details of Utilized FC by the FCRA registered associations are available online in Annual Returns of respective Association on the FCRA Portal of MHA <a href="http://www.fcraonline.nic.in">www.fcraonline.nic.in</a> .
2017-18	19764.64	
2018-19	20011.21	

It may be noted that FCRA registered Associations are required to file their Annual Returns by 31<sup>st</sup> December on completion of each financial year. For Financial Year 2019-20 the last date for filing Annual Return is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

The Registration and Prior permission under The Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010 is granted to associations/NGOs for 5 types of programmes i.e religious, social, economic, educational or cultural, as mandated under section 11 of the Act. The associations granted registration or prior permission have to mandatorily submit online the receipt and utilization of FC received by them.

The details of utilization of FC received and the purpose for which the FC is utilized are available online in the Annual Returns of the respective Association on the FCRA Portal [www.fcraonline.nic.in](http://www.fcraonline.nic.in).

A monitoring unit of FCRA Wing monitors the receipt and utilization of foreign contribution. Methods of monitoring include, inter-alia, scrutiny of Annual Returns, inputs from field agencies, on the spot audit and inspection of the accounts of FCRA Associations etc. Further in the new system of FCRA monitoring all annual returns are to be filed electronically. The Bank accounts of the FCRA registered associations have also been linked to the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) for better monitoring of flow of funds.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai in a written reply to question in the Lok Sabha today.

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