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Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih ManOtralaya

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Adoption of new nomenclature of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)

The terms like Central Police Organisations (CPOs), Central Para Military Police Forces (CPMFs), Para Military Forces (PMFs), Central Police Forces (CPF), etc. have been interchangeably used while referring to the Central Police Forces, which are the 'Armed Forces of the Union', as also defined in the respective Acts of the Forces. This creates an incorrect perception about these Central Forces and the expectations from the Force become unrealistic. Even in the international references such incorrect nomenclatures may cause confusion regarding the role of such Forces, especially during elections, maintaining law and order, etc.

2. The matter has been considered in the Ministry of Home Affairs and it has been decided to adopt a uniform nomenclature of Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) while referring to Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

3. Henceforth in all references to the forces mentioned above a uniform nomenclature of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) shall be adopted.

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DsG, ARs, BSF, CRPF, CISF, ITBP, NSG and SSB.

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