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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block,
New Delhi-110001

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Request for deployment of CAPFs from the States/ UTs.

The undersigned is directed to say that from time to time the Central Government deploy CAPFs on the requests of the State/UT Governments to assist them to maintain law and order.

2. It has been observed that requests for CAPFs are often being received from the States in a routine manner without proper assessment of the situation. State Governments are sometimes merely forwarding the request as received from District Administrations. Some of the events like festivals, Friday prayers etc. are annual/regular affairs, well known to the States and the State should normally be in a position to take all security measures in advance by way of deployment of their civil police as well as armed/ special police forces at their disposal. Instead, some of the State Governments invariably make requests to the Centre for deployment of CAPFs Coys even for such occasions. Instances have come to the notice of this Ministry that for elections in colleges, local bodies, State Governments are requesting for Central Forces.

3. It may be appreciated that CAPFs Coys cannot substitute the State Police Forces. CAPFs deployment is inherently related to emergent/unforeseen crises like situation which need immediate mobilization of Forces to support the States/UTs for maintaining law and order.

4. Consequently, it has been observed that often CAPF Coys are deployed for normal policing duties. It may please be appreciated that CAPFs have many more pressing commitments like guarding borders, fighting insurgency/militancy, Anti-Naxal Operations etc. and thinning down CAPF Coys from such serious engagements is undesirable from the point of view of internal security.

5. It is also observed that once Forces are deployed, the State Governments are reluctant to de-induct them and keep requesting for extension citing same grounds. This Ministry is of the opinion that the

requests for extension should not ordinarily be made unless there are adequate security reasons to be substantiated by the State Governments in their requests. Extension requests should also be accompanied by a situation report.

6. Deployment of the CAPF Coys has a cost associated with it and State Governments are required to pay the charges as laid down in MHA's Policy. However, it is observed that there are significant outstanding amounts against the States/UTs.

7. The Central Government have sanctioned many IR Battalions in the States. However, it is seen that these IRBs are not being used optimally by the State Governments. It should be appreciated that the rationale behind the IRB Scheme is to make the State self sufficient in dealing with law and order and internal security situation and not dependent on CAPFs.

8. A need has been felt to put in place an objective mechanism for a professional assessment of the requirement of CAPF Coys by the State Governments. The State Governments are advised to constitute a Local Committee under the Chairmanship of ADG (Law & Order) of the State where the representatives of local SIB and representatives of the CAPFs at the level of DIG/Commandant may be co-opted. The said Committee may be entrusted with the job of examining and scrutinizing the requirements of CAPF Coys having regard to the following factors:

(i) The nature of the sensitivity involved from the standpoint of internal security.
(ii) Historical data specific to the occasion/proposed locations sensitivity (viz. communal sensitive locations).
(iii) Deployment of the IRB and State Police both civil as well as armed and other components and adequacy or inadequacy of State resources for the deployment request under consideration.
(iv) Outstanding dues for previous deployments.
(v) Availability of CAPFs nearby and existing deployment if any, for other purposes.
(vi) Intelligence inputs.
(vii) Such other factors the Committee may consider appropriate/relevant.

9. It will be incumbent on the part of the State/UT to send recommendations of the Committee so constituted alongwith the requests so as to enable the Centre to take a decision. States are advised to place their proposal before the Committee well in advance so as to give sufficient time for the Committee to deliberate upon. Except for unforeseen developments which cannot be anticipated, all such requests may invariably be accompanied by the assessment of the Committee in the

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absence of which it will not be possible for Centre to deploy any Force. The recommendation of the Committee must be specific indicating the quantum of CAPF deployment and duration also alongwith justifications. Requests for extension of deployment must also be examined by the Committee on similar lines.

10. All the State Governments/UTs are requested to follow the above guidelines and intimate confirmation of the formation of the Committee at their end.

11. Receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.

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To

1) The Chief Secretaries – All States/UTs
2) The Directors General of Police – All States/UTs
3) Commissioner of Police, Delhi
4) Directors General of all CAPFs – with the request to notify the Officer from the Force at the located States to be associated with the Committee.

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Director, IB – for kind information.