

‘ ASSISTANCE TO STATES & UTs FOR MODERNIZATION OF POLICE’

Introduction

1. ‘Public order’ and ‘Police’ fall under the State List. However, the States have not been able to modernize and equip their police forces up to the desired level due to financial constraints. It is in this context that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been supplementing the efforts and resources of the States, from time to time, by implementing the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme). The sub-scheme was renamed as ‘Assistance to States for Modernization of Police’ since 2017 and now it has been renamed as ‘Assistance to States and Union Territories for Modernization of Police (ASUMP)’.

Objective

2. The objective of the scheme is to strengthen police infrastructure by equipping the police with the required mobility, modern technology, weaponry, communication equipment, forensic set-up, etc. and construction including police housing in specific areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, LWE affected districts and insurgency affected NE States.

Inter-State distribution of funds

3. The criteria finalized by the Union Cabinet in the year 2005, i.e., distribution ratio based on (i) population (35% weightage), (ii) sanctioned strength of police force (25% weightage), (iii) number of police stations (15% weightage) and (iv) incidence of crime per lakh population (25% weightage).

Contingency Reserve

4. In order to meet emergent requirements and contingent needs of States, there will be a Reserve Fund of 5% of the annual allocation of the Scheme. Release out of these funds shall be made over and above the annual allocations of the needy State(s)/UT(s) after obtaining approval of the Home-Minister.

Physical and financial progress

5. Since the year 2017-18, the actual allocations for Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) and funds released to the States are given below:

(₹ in crore)

Year	Allocation		Released
	BE	RE	
2017-18	769.00	452.10	451.68
2018-19	769.00	769.00	768.83

2019-20	811.30	791.30	781.12
2020-21	770.76	103.27	103.25
2021-22	620.45	158.56	158.56
2022-23	620.45	150.52	36.69
2023-24	264.12	166.33	52.3025

Incentivizing Police Reforms

6. When the Umbrella Scheme of Modernization of Police Forces was approved in September, 2017, a component of 'incentives for police reforms' was included in the implementation structure of the scheme of 'Assistance to States for Modernization of Police'. It was decided to keep certain amount each year for awarding incentives to State Government for implementation of Police Reforms". To incentivize the implementation of police reforms as recommended by various committees, originally a provision of keeping up to 10% of the total annual allocation of the scheme was made. This incentive fund has been increased to 'up to 20%' from the year 2019-20. State Government have to contribute their commensurate State share of 40% or 10% as the case may be. Submission of UCs was precondition for being eligible for these incentives.

For the year 2018-19, ten States, namely, (1) Andhra Pradesh, (2) Gujarat, (3) Madhya Pradesh, (4) Odisha, (5) Punjab, (6) Rajasthan, (7) Tamil Nadu, (8) Telangana, (9) Uttar Pradesh and (10) Uttarakhand were assessed eligible for award of incentives and grants of ₹ 7.69 crore each, out of total incentives of ₹ 76.90 crore, were released to these States. For the year 2019-20, the following States received incentives for police reforms:

S.No.	State	Funds released (₹ in crore)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	35.98
2.	Himachal Pradesh	21.85
3.	Kerala	28.07
4.	Mizoram	25.81
5.	Odisha	17.33
6.	Telangana	29.20
	Total	158.26

These Incentives can not be released during the years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 as States had substantial unspent balance with them.

Major changes made since FY 2022-23 from earlier scheme

7. Major changes /departure made since FY 2022-23 from earlier scheme are as below:
- a. It is felt that the impact of scheme is not prominently visible at the ground level and due to spread of funds across components and States, scheme is limited to filling the gaps of paucity of funds. To make the scheme impactful at the ground level, construction of police stations is has been included in scheme.
 - b. The State/UT Governments have scarcity of proper advice and assessment pertaining to the latest technology etc. States/UTs have now been permitted to hire a PMC (Project Management Consultancy) with not more than 3 % of the cost of the technical /IT system approval.
 - c. UTs have been included.

Outlays for 5 years

8. The sub-scheme of 'Assistance to States & UTs for Modernisation of Police' has been continued with the following year-wise outlay is required:

Year	Outlay (₹ in crore)
2021-22	881
2022-23	923
2023-24	967
2024-25	1013
2025-26	1062
Total	4846
