

Cabinet approves umbrella scheme of Modernisation of Police Forces (UPSC IAS mains GS paper 2)

The Cabinet Committee of Security (CCS) has approved implementation of umbrella scheme of Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF) for years 2017 to 2020 to strengthen country's law and order mechanism, modernise police forces and effectively fight against terrorism.

It is biggest ever internal security scheme in country. It has financial outlay of Rs.25,060 crore out of which Central Government share will be Rs.18,636 crore and states' share will be Rs.6,424 crore.

Salient Features of Scheme

Special provision of scheme: It covers internal security, law and order, women security, availability of modern weapons, mobility of police forces, upgradation of police wireless, logistics support, National Satellite Network, CCTNS project, hiring of helicopters, E-prison project etc.

J&K, North Eastern and LWE States: Central budget outlay of Rs.10,132 crore has been earmarked specially for internal security related expenditure for Jammu & Kashmir, North Eastern States and left wing extremism (LWE) affected States. It introduces Scheme of Special Central Assistance (SCA) for 35 worst LWE affected districts to tackle issue of underdevelopment in these districts. It has outlay of Rs.100 crore earmarked for North Eastern States for upgradation of police infrastructure, training institutes, investigation facilities etc.

Upgradation of Infrastructure: It introduces new initiatives to provide assistance to States for upgradation of police infrastructure, forensic science laboratories, institutions and equipment available with them to plug critical gaps in the criminal justice system.

Integration of Police Stations: It will aid in integrating police stations to set up national data base of crime and criminals' records. It will be linked with other pillars of criminal justice system such as 'prisons, forensic science laboratories and prosecution offices.

Forensic science laboratories: It provides for setting up of state-of art forensic science laboratory in Amravati (Andhra Pradesh) and upgradation of Sardar Patel Global Centre for Security, Counter Terrorism and Anti Insurgency in Jaipur (Rajasthan) and Gujarat Forensic Science University in Gandhi Nagar.

Comment

Implementation of this scheme will help to bolster Government's ability to address challenges faced in different theatres such as areas affected by LWE, Jammu and Kashmir and North East effectively. It will also aid to undertake development interventions which will catalyze in improving quality of life in these areas and help combat these challenges effectively at same time. It is expected that, the scheme will go a long way to boost capability and efficiency

of Central and State Police Forces by modernizing them.

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