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ROLE AND TASKS OF CAPF & POLICE

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ARMED FORCES

LESSON PLAN AF 1

(Part 7)

ROLE AND TASK OF CENTRAL ARMED POLICE

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Central Armed Police Forces & Other Police Agencies

The central agencies are controlled by the central government. The majority of federal law enforcement agencies are controlled by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The head of each of the federal law enforcement agencies is always an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer and in case of Assam Rifles it is regular army officer.

Assam Rifles (AR)

Assam Rifles (AR) is the oldest paramilitary force in India whose primary role is to protect part of India's North eastern borders and also the internal security also. It also maintained law and order in the tribal areas. The organisation is headed by DGAR appointed from Serving Regular Army cadre. The personnel are recruited from all over India in all ranks and Officers are from the regular army and also from Assam Rifles cadre.

Border Security Force

The Indian Border Security Force (BSF) is responsible for policing India's land borders during peacetime and preventing trans-border crimes along Pakistan and Bangladesh. It is a central police force operating under the MHA. It performs a variety of duties ranging from VIP security to election duties, from guarding of vital installations to counter-Naxal operations etc.

The primary task of CISF is providing industrial security. The **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** guards industrial installations around the country owned by the Central government as well as securing seaports and airports. The CISF also provides security to certain NGOs. They provide security for atomic power plants, space installations, mints, oil fields and refineries, major ports, heavy engineering plants, steel plants, barrages, fertilizer units, airports, hydroelectric/thermal power plants and other installations partially or wholly run by the government.

The **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** is one of the largest Central Police organizations in the world. Its main objective is to assist and help states and union territories' law enforcement agencies in maintaining law and order and to contain insurgency. It is also deployed as an anti-terrorist unit in various regions. It is even operating abroad as part of United Nations peacekeeping missions. It performs a variety of duties ranging from VIP security to election duties, from guarding of vital installations to the counter-Naxal operations etc.

Indo-Tibetan Border Police

The **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** is responsible for security along the Indo-Tibetan Border. The ITBP personnel are trained in the fields of law and order, military tactics, jungle warfare, counter-insurgency, and internal security ITBP is an elite and agile force. It is involved in war- time and peace-time duties at the border and the surrounding areas.

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The National Security Guards (NSG) is a commando unit originally created for counter-terrorism and hostage rescue missions. Raised in 1986, it is popularly known as the "Black Cats" for the uniform worn by its operators. The NSG draws its core members from the Indian Army and the balance support staff from various central police units. It is India's premier counter-terror outfit and is typically deployed in situations that would be beyond the capabilities of regular police units. An NSG team with a dedicated transport aircraft is always stationed at Palam airport in New Delhi, ready to deploy in 30 minutes. The NSG has also been increasingly tasked with the protection of VIPs.

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Special Protection Group

The Special Protection Group (SPG) is the executive protection agency of the Government of India. It provides the security 24 by 7 all over India to Prime Minister including ex-prime Ministers and their Family Members at any location across India.

Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)

The Sashastra Seema Bal, formed in the year 1963, deployed at the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders. The SSB personnel are trained in the fields of law and order, military tactics, jungle warfare, counter-insurgency, and internal security.

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