

# **Umbrella Scheme for Modernisation of Police Force**

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The Government of India in 2017, approved implementation of umbrella scheme of “Modernisation of Police Forces(MPF)” **for three years’** period from 2017-18 to 2019-20

## **Objectives**

- The objective of the scheme is to **gradually reduce the dependence of the State Governments on the Army and the Central Armed Police Forces** to control internal security and law and order situations by equipping the State Police Forces adequately and strengthening their training infrastructure.
- The focus of the scheme is to **strengthen police infrastructure at cutting edge level by construction of secure police stations**, training centres, police housing (residential), equipping the police stations with the required mobility, modern weaponry, communication equipment and forensic set-up etc.

**The umbrella scheme comprises two verticals and 17 sub-schemes as below:**

The umbrella scheme has two verticals – **Security Related Expenditure (SRE) of specific theatres & Modernisation of Police Forces**. Salient features of the Modernisation of Police Forces vertical are given below:

**Vertical I : Modernisation of Police Forces(MPF) of States & UTs, the sub-schemes under it are;**

- **Three Central Sector Sub schemes**

1. Crime and Criminal Tracking Networks and System(CCTNS)
2. Projects under Inter-State Police Wireless
3. Implementation of ePrisons

- **Two State Sector Sub schemes**

1. Assistance to States for Modernization of Police
2. Assistance to States for Special Projects /programmes for upgrading Police infrastructure [Forensic Laboratories & Institutes and equipment]

## **Vertical II: Security Related Expenditure (SRE) for Jammu & Kashmir(J&K) /North East(NE) / Left Wing Extremism(LWE)**

- **Seven Central Sector Sub schemes**

1. Assistance to Central Agencies & others for LWE Management
2. Civic Action Plan (CAP) for LWE areas
3. Media plan (Advertising & Publicity) for LWE areas
4. Special Central Assistance(SCA) to 35 worst LWE affected districts
5. SRE (LWE) (Central Sector)
6. SRE (J&K) : Relief & Rehabilitation
7. SRE (J&K): Security Environment

- **Five State Sector Sub schemes**

1. SRE (J&K) – Police
2. SRE (NE)
3. SRE(LWE)
4. Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS) along with construction of 250 **fortified Police Stations in LWE affected States**
5. Reimbursement to States for administration of Central Acts & Regulations

## **Central assistance for MPF**

- Central assistance is provided to the State Governments

for weapons, equipment for Forensics, Information Technology, Communication, Training, etc.

- The scheme is **focused on facilitating targeted interventions and 'mobility' and 'construction of police infrastructure including housing'** is now permitted in case of Jammu & Kashmir, insurgency affected North Eastern (NE) States and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected Districts.
- Three Himalayan States, namely, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh and 8 North Eastern States including Sikkim are eligible to receive financial assistance on 90:10 Centre:State sharing basis.
- The remaining States are eligible for financial assistance on 60:40 Centre: State sharing basis

### **Why centre is supplementing the resources of states under the Modernisation of Police Forces scheme?**

In India, police and law and order come under the purview of state governments. Accordingly, each state has its own police force for maintaining law and order and investigating crimes. However, **due to financial and other constraints, states have critical gaps in their policing infrastructure**. Thus the Ministry of Home Affairs has been supplementing resources of states under the Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF) scheme

### **Problems related to police forces**

While the MPF scheme seeks to improve police infrastructure, there are a number of structural issues that have been raised by experts over the years related to police forces. Some of them are;

1. Overburdened police force
2. Poor quality of investigation
3. Police accountability