

ASSISTANCE TO STATES FOR MODERNISATION OF POLICE

This is erstwhile scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces. Now, the earlier scheme has been extended for a further period of three years from 2017-18 to 2019- 20 and it is one of the sub-schemes under the umbrella scheme of “Modernisation of Police Forces”(MPF). This is centrally sponsored sub-scheme under which central assistance is provided to the States and States have to contribute its share.

Background

‘Public order’ and ‘Police’ fall under the category of subjects in the domain of the States as per entries 1&2 of List II of the VIIth Schedule to the Constitution of India. Thus, the principal responsibility for managing these subjects lies with the State Governments. However, the States have not been able to modernize and equip their police forces up to the desired level. It is in this context that the Ministry of Home affairs has been supplementing the efforts and resources of the States, from time to time, by implementing the Scheme for Modernisation of State Polices Forces (MPF Scheme) since 1969-70.

Objectives

The main objectives of the sub-scheme are to meet the identified deficiencies in various aspects of police administration, reduce the dependence of the State Governments on the Army and Central Armed Police Forces to control internal security and law and order situation by way of equipping the state police forces adequately and imparting the required training.

Outline of the sub-scheme

Under this sub-scheme every State prepare State Action Plan every year based on the central share conveyed by the Central Government and after adding its own share. This SAP need to be formulated after making a base line assessment of the ground situation, identification of gaps & deficiencies and a time –horizon of at least three years apart from reviewing the previous years’ plan, the State Strategic Plan, and after conducting an analysis of local needs and goals to see how they fit in with the State Strategic priorities. As such, the SAP is as per State’s strategic priorities and requirements. At State level, SAP is appraised and approved by the State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC) and High Powered Committee(HPC) at Ministry of Home Affairs finally approves SAP whereafter State has to implement the SAP.

Funding pattern

The States are grouped into two categories, namely Category ‘A’ and Category ‘B’ for the purpose of funding. Category ‘A’ States, namely J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and 8 North-East States viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim & Tripura, are eligible to receive 90% of financial assistance and need to provide 10% of their own funds. The remaining States are in Category ‘B’ and these States are provided funds in the ratio of 60:40, with Central Government providing 60% of the funds under the MPF scheme.

Items allowed under the scheme

The items required by the State Police such as weapons, training/communication/forensic equipment etc. are funded under the sub-scheme.

Mobility and construction activities

The scheme has been modified so as to facilitate targeted interventions and central assistance under 'mobility' and 'construction of police infrastructure including housing' has been linked to specific theatres viz. Jammu & Kashmir, insurgency affected areas of North East(NE) Region and Left Wing Extremism(LWE) affected areas. Further, the items under 'mobility' head would be used only for strengthening field level police offices and not state level police offices.

Items provided in kind

An allocation under this scheme is kept aside for providing items in kind for modernisation of police forces of the State Government. Presently, major supply of items come from Ordnance Factory Board(OFB) and weaponry is provided as assistance in kind.

Allocations and funds released to the States under the erstwhile scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces during the period from 2012-13 to 2016- 17

(in crore)

Year	Allocation	Released
2012-13	300.00	300.00
2013-14	1341.62	1338.35
2014-15	1397.50	1397.24
2015-16	662.11*	662.11*
2016-17	595.00	594.02
2017-18	452.10	451.75
2018-19	769.00	-
Total	5517.33	4743.47

* Rs.67.11 crore were released to Assam (Rs. 59.30 crore) and Meghalaya (Rs. 7.81 crore) for South Asian Games-2015.