Chapter 12

Indian Paramilitary Forces

Let's read about some paramilitary forces of India.

Central Reserve Police Force was established at Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh in 1939. Before independence, it was known as the Crown Representative's Police. Its 88th Battalion known as Mahila Battalion was commissioned on 30 March, 1986 which is the world's first paramilitary force composed entirely of women. The main objective of this paramilitary force is to assist the State/Union Territory Police in maintaining the law and order.

Assam Rifles is the oldest paramilitary force in the country. It was established in 1835. Its prime objective is vigilance of international borders in north-east and countering insurgency operations in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland.

Rapid Action Force was established on 11 December, 1991. It is a Central Police Organisation and is under the operational command of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) . 10 Battalions of CRPF have been reoriented for tackling communal riots in the country.

Indo-Tibetan Border Police was established in 1962. It is responsible for guarding approximately 1,221 km of Indo-Tibetan border. It also provides VIP security bank security and helps in maintaining law and order wherever required.

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Border Security Force was established in 1965 with the prime objective of giving its services of vigilance on India's International borders and assuming supplementary role with the army during war.

Central Industrial Security Force was established in 1969 with the objective to provide security to industrial undertakings owned by the government.

Think Fast

Tick (✓) the correct alternative :

1. Which among the following is established to tackle communal riots in the country?
   (a) RAF (b) CISF (c) CRPF (d) ITBP
2. It was established in 1962 to assist police in maintaining security and to help defence forces and local authorities in case of epidemics.
   (a) Rapid Action Force (b) Home Guards
   (c) Assam Rifles (d) National Cadet Corps
3. It was established in 1948 in order to stimulate interest of youths in the defence of the country.
   (a) National Cadet Corps (b) Intelligence Bureau
   (c) Border Security Force (d) Rashtriya Rifles
4. It was established in 1920 to collect secret information related to the country's security.
   (a) CISF (b) CRPF (c) BSF (d) Intelligence Bureau
5. Its prime objective is the service of vigilance on India's international borders.
   (a) BSF (b) CISF (c) CRPF (d) RAF
6. Which among the following provides security to industrial undertakings owned by the government?
   (a) BSF (b) CISF (c) CRPF (d) ITBP
7. It is the oldest paramilitary force in the country.
   (a) CRPF (b) Assam Rifles (c) RAF (d) BSF

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