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Subject : **PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR CRPF LADY TROOPERS**

Women, today, are not only integral part of Multi Sectoral Services but are also excelling in all the spheres. Forces too are no exceptions where women are shining on different frontiers in varying roles.

Today, by dint of sheer determination, hard work and professionalism, women in police forces, have made their presence felt pretty emphatically.

This glory doesn't come easy to women troopers. The challenging duties prove to be even more daunting in the absence of gender specific protective gears. Surprisingly, till date, such women specific protective gears were conspicuous by their unavailability in the market.

In 2016, the National Conference for Women in police mooted the idea of gender specific protective gears. Subsequently, the issue was flagged in Lok Sabha by then MP Smt. Anupriya Patel while discussing the problems faced by women in Police and Armed Forces. Ministry of Home Affairs immediately swung into action and set up a committee under Mrs. Anupam Kulshreshtha, IG Provisioning of CRPF to work out things.

It took tireless and concerted efforts of CRPF in close association with DIPAS (Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences), DRDO, over two years to design such a gear. The scientists of DIPAS carried out a very careful study of women troopers of CRPF's Rapid Action Force to ergonomically design the body protector for women. This pioneering endeavour has borne fruit today when this woman specific full body protector was unveiled by Sh. Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar, DG CRPF in presence of Sh. A. K. Singh, DG Life Sciences, Sh Bhuvnesh Kumar, Director DIPAS and esteemed scientists of DRDO and senior officers of CRPF.

With the advent of this equipment, women troopers will be assured of greater comfort while deployed in Law and Order duties. This path breaking effort has also paved the path for further R&D in the field of women specific body armours and vests.

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