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CAPF Bill 2026 & IPS Deputation

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The Central Government is set to introduce the CAPF (General Administration) Bill, 2026, which seeks to formalise and retain the deputation of IPS officers in senior positions of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).

Background: Supreme Court Verdict (2025)

In May 2025, the Supreme Court of India ruled that:

CAPF officers should be treated as Organised Group 'A' Services (OGAS)

IPS deputation in CAPFs should be progressively reduced (up to IG level) within 2 years

A cadre review should be conducted to improve promotion opportunities

The Court also dismissed the Centre's review petition in October 2025, making the ruling final.

Key Provisions of CAPF Bill 2026

Provides statutory backing to IPS deputation in CAPFs

Proposes reservation of senior posts for IPS officers:

50% of IG posts

67% of ADG posts

100% of DG posts

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Empowers the Central Government to frame recruitment, promotion, and service rules

Key Issue / Controversy

The Bill is seen as contradicting the Supreme Court judgment, which aimed to reduce IPS deputation

Critics argue it may:

Limit promotion opportunities of CAPF cadre officers

Continue IPS dominance in leadership positions

Government's Justification

Ensures better coordination between Centre and States

Improves operational efficiency and leadership in security forces