

CABINET NOD TO BETTER PAY BENEFITS FOR CAPF OFFICERS

Prelims: G2 - Institutional Reforms, G3- Polices

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Mains: GS2I - Government Policies and Interventions for development in Various Sectors and Issues arising out of their Design and Implementation.

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Context: The Cabinet has approved the proposal to grant **Organised Cadre Status** to Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) officers.

- ✚ The move comes after a Supreme Court order asked the government to extend the benefit already available to IPS, IAS, IRS and IFS officers – to CAPF officers

Significance:

- ✚ This will make them eligible for several benefits, including Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU).
- ✚ The move will benefit thousands of serving officers and many others who have retired since 2006 from the five primary CAPFs or paramilitary forces – CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP and SSB.
- ✚ The officers will now get better deputation chances as they will be eligible to get empanelled under the central staffing scheme, get enhanced facilities of transportation, house rent allowance, travelling and dearness allowance.
- ✚ Besides the pay hike, the demand for NFFU also encapsulates a long-standing tussle between CAPF cadre officers and IPS officers who come on deputation to the forces.
- ✚ Most top positions in these forces are occupied by IPS officers.