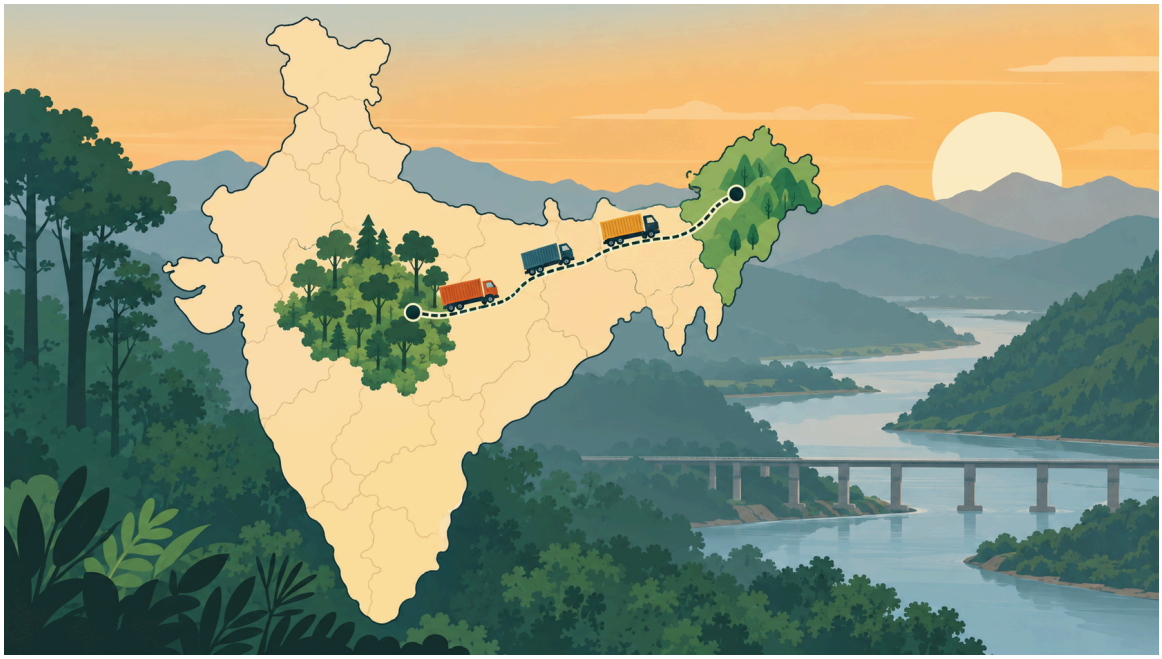
Ten years of RERA: homebuyers' FPCE writes to PM, Cabinet Secretary reviews demands

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16 November 2026: More than **1,000 personnel** of a CRPF General Duty battalion long deployed in Maoist-hit **Sukma, Chhattisgarh**, are being moved to **Manipur**. It is the **first major de-induction of a Central Armed Police Force (CAPF)** since the Union government declared in March 2026 that Naxalism had been eliminated in India. Three more battalions in Chhattisgarh and Odisha are proposed for withdrawal.

What happened

- **Who:** a CRPF GD battalion long engaged in anti-Naxal operations in Sukma; 1,000+ personnel are heading to Manipur.
- **Significance:** the first CAPF de-induction after the March 2026 "Naxalism ended" declaration - the start of force rebalancing on the ground.
- **Role had shifted:** since March the battalion had mostly been doing **de-mining and IED clearance**, not active combat operations.
- **Next:** withdrawal of three more battalions from Chhattisgarh and Odisha is under consideration.

Companies redeployed earlier too

- Companies of the same battalion were periodically pulled out for **West Bengal Assembly elections, Amarnath Yatra security and Delhi protests** - a sign of the multi-front load on CAPFs.
- Manipur has hosted heavy CAPF deployment since the 2023 ethnic violence; the incoming battalion will join that grid.

Context

- **Bastar campaign:** intensive operations over the past two years dismantled much of the Maoist structure, the basis of the March 2026 declaration.
- **Reallocation:** de-induction frees CAPF companies for elections, pilgrimage security and other internal-security needs - Manipur is the first priority.
- **Risk:** experts caution that residual Maoist pockets may persist, so a phased withdrawal rather than a complete pullout is the strategy.

Quiz: Test your knowledge

▶ Q1: Consider: 1. The CRPF battalion moved from Sukma to Manipur is the first CAPF de-induction after the March 2026 "Naxalism ended" declaration 2. Since the declaration it was mainly doing de-mining and IED clearance 3. Sukma district is in Jharkhand. Which are correct?
▶ Q2: In CAPF terminology, "de-induction" means what?

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

In short: Over 1,000 CRPF personnel are moving from Sukma to Manipur - the first CAPF de-induction since the March 2026 declaration that Naxalism had ended; three more battalions may follow from Chhattisgarh and Odisha.

Question: Where is the CRPF battalion moving?

From Maoist-affected Sukma district in Chhattisgarh to Manipur; over 1,000 personnel are relocating.

Question: Why is this considered historic?

It is the first major CAPF de-induction since the government's March 2026 declaration that Naxalism had been eliminated - the start of force rebalancing.

Question: What was the battalion doing after the declaration?

Mainly de-mining and IED clearance rather than combat operations; its companies were also deployed for elections, the Amarnath Yatra and Delhi security duties.

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