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Covid-19 cases among the central para-military forces continue to rise with a CRPF head-constable attached to a Special DG-level officer testing positive in Sunday and joining 135 other infected personnel at Mandoli quarantine centre in the city. Also, 31 personnel of a single BSF company deployed in Jama Masjid area have been found Covid positive even as one Covid-positive ITBP soldier died in Safdarjung Hospital on Sunday.

As of now, there are 137 positive cases in CRPF apart from one death; 54 cases in BSF across Delhi and Tripura; 21 cases in ITBP (all in Delhi) including the constable who died on Sunday; and nine cases in CISF.

The home ministry has written to all DGPs and heads of central armed police forces sharing standard operating procedures to prevent the infection and asking them to create a second line of defence to make up for the personnel who are rendered ineffective due to virus. Home Guards, Civil Defence, NCC cadets, Scouts and

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Student Police Cadets may be utilised in areas where there are no imminent law and order issues, the ministry suggested.

“Police/Security personnel may be advised to keep themselves safe by practicing proper hygiene and physical distancing. Police authorities should also take care of safety and hygiene of its personnel by providing all necessary safety materials like hand sanitisers, soaps, masks, face shield, gloves, safe food, etc. and also train the personnel in their proper usage/disposal,” it added.

Meanwhile, after the CRPF bus driver attached to a Spl DG was found positive for Covid-19, the force headquarters were closed for sanitisation and 40 of his contacts, including the Special DG, placed under quarantine. The latest case comes in the backdrop of 135 personnel of CRPF's 31st battalion based at Mayur Vihar, having tested positive. The entire battalion was quarantined and all 480 personnel made to undergo a test after an SI died of Covid-19 and 45 others tested positive.

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