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CISF to raise all-women battalion of elite guards



The Union ministry of home affairs (MHA) has approved the establishment of the first all-women battalion of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), officials aware of the matter said on Tuesday. The battalion, to be led by a woman commandant, will be posted for guarding VIPs and vital installations, including airports, the Parliament complex and the Delhi Metro. Currently, women personnel constitute around 7% of the total CISF workforce of nearly 190,000. A CISF spokesperson said the proposal for creation of a women's battalion was initiated on the directions of the Union home minister Amit Shah during the 53rd CISF Day function in March 2023. A battalion has around 1,020 personnel led by a commandant. "CISF headquarters has started preparations for the early recruitment, training and selection of location for the headquarters of the new battalion. The training is being specially designed to create an elite battalion," a CISF spokesperson said.