

IAS Officers will adopt the families of 'Jawans' who martyred while fighting for nation



New Delhi: In a distinctive initiative, IAS officers will adopt groups of security personnel, who sacrificed their lives in Maoist combat, anti-terror operations or preserving law and order.

The officer will need to make certain that the dependents of this slain jawan get all their dues with regards to the money pledged by the governments.

"An association of IAS officers from across the country decided that each of them will adopt one family of the security personnel (defence, central armed police forces and state police) who died in such action and supports them for 5-10 years. The adopted family would preferably be from the state (cadre) to which the officer belongs. The officer will not be required to provide any direct financial assistance to the adopted family, but support and handhold its members on a sustained basis so that they live with a sense of security and assurance that the country is taking care of them in their hour of crisis and tragedy," said Sanjay Bhoosreddy, honorary secretary of this Indian Civil and Administrative Service (Central) Association.

The association represents all people in Indian Administrative Service (IAS).

Initially, about 700 young officers, of past four batches--2012 to 2015--will be asked to adopt a minimum of one family in the area of the posting.

"Senior officers, or those from state civil services, can also adopt such families voluntarily," Bhoosreddy, a Joint-Secretary level IAS officer, said.

"We are requesting state governments and the central government to issue the necessary instructions in this regard to all concerned so that this arrangement gets institutionalised at the earliest. State governments have already been asked to share with the association the details of such families," he said, adding that similar details may also be sought from the defence ministry or even the central armed police forces like BSF, CRPF, CISF, ITBP or others.

The state noted that the IAS officers, who act as Sub Divisional Magistrates (SDM), District Magistrate (DM) as well as other upper positions in state and Central governments, have an astounding influence on the neighbourhood administrative machinery.

He included that such an influence may be positively channelized to support and help the categories of martyred soldiers in a powerful and sustained manner.