CISF Adopts Functional Sector-Based Structure to Strengthen Critical Infrastructure Security and Operational Efficiency

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The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has shifted from a territorial command system to a functional sector-based structure with effect from November 1, 2026. The restructuring, undertaken with the concurrence of the Ministry of Home Affairs, aims to strengthen the security of critical infrastructure through specialised supervision, better coordination and faster decision-making.

Under the earlier system, a single Sector Headquarters managed more than 50 units across diverse installations, including coal mines, power plants and ports. The new structure groups units according to the type of installation, enabling sector commanders to develop specialised knowledge and address sector-specific security challenges.

The New Functional Architecture

Under the previous territorial system, a single Sector Headquarters managed an incredibly diverse portfolio of over 50 different units, ranging from coal mines to

power plants and ports, requiring coordination across multiple ministries. Starting today, supervision is organised exclusively by the type of installation. The newly operationalized functional commands include: Power-I (New Delhi) and Power-II (Kolkata) Sectors

- Coal Sector (Ranchi)
- Steel Sector (Bhilai)
- Petroleum & Natural Gas Sector (Guwahati)
- West Coast Port (Mumbai) and East Coast Port (Chennai) Sectors
- Government Buildings, Museums & Monuments and Mass Rapid Transit
- System (GBMM & MRTS) Sector (New Delhi)

These sectors join the Aviation Sectors, functional since 2001, and the Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space (DAE & DoS) Sector, operational since 2018. With this expansion, CISF is moving towards a unified functional model across the Force.

The restructuring will support the continuous improvement of security procedures, including standard operating procedures, access control and Quick Reaction Team deployments. It will also help CISF adopt a more risk-based approach to protecting critical infrastructure against emerging threats such as drones, cyberattacks, sabotage and other disruptions.

Dedicated sector headquarters will facilitate closer coordination with client organisations and relevant ministries. The specialised structure is also expected to support the integration of advanced security technologies, counter-drone systems, cyber-risk management and sector-specific emergency response plans.

Highlighting the benefits of the restructuring, Director General, CISF, said the new arrangement would improve inter-agency coordination, establish a single point of contact for client organisations, reduce operational bottlenecks and enable timely decision-making during crises. He added that the revamped structure would strengthen efficiency, professionalism and accountability.

The reform is aimed at ensuring the security and uninterrupted functioning of India's vital infrastructure, supporting the national vision of Viksit Bharat.

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