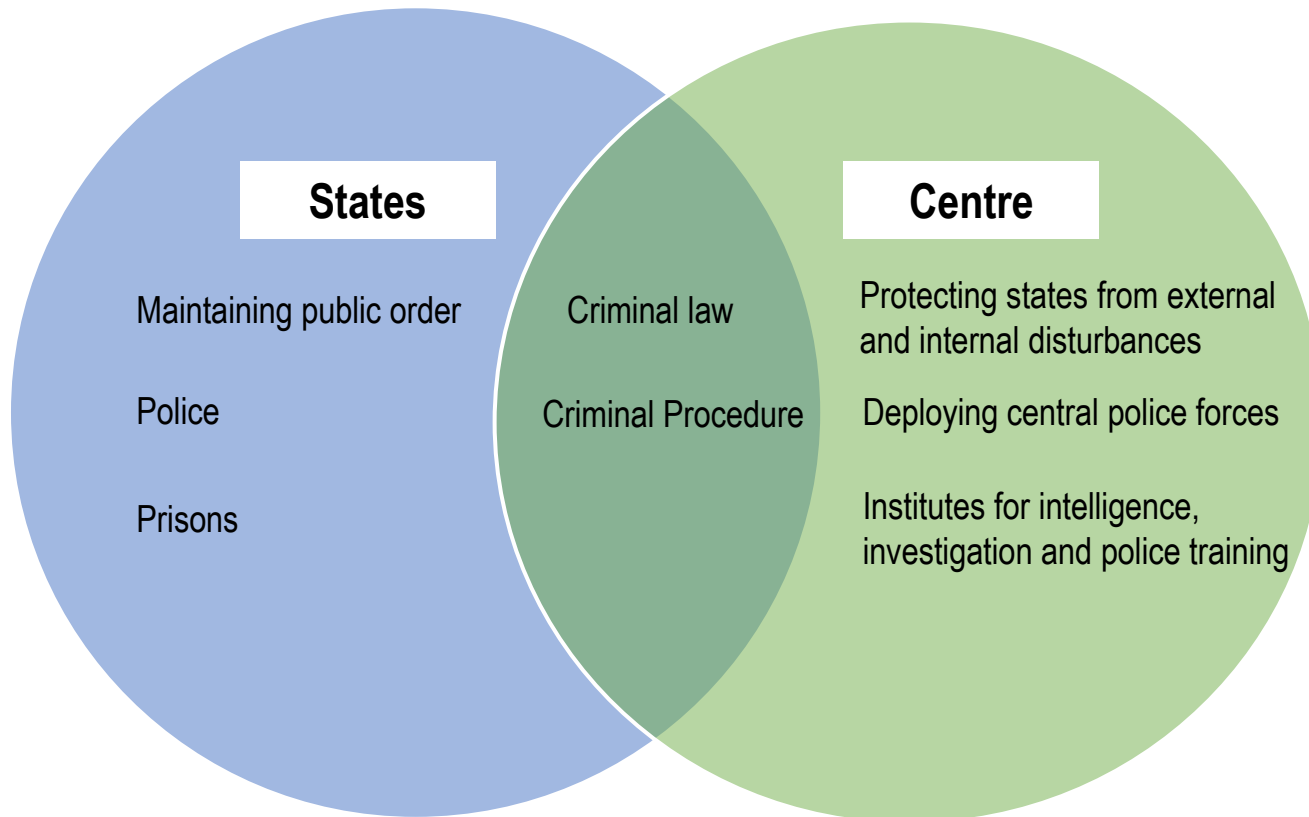


State of Police Forces in India

July 21, 2017

Responsibilities of centre and states

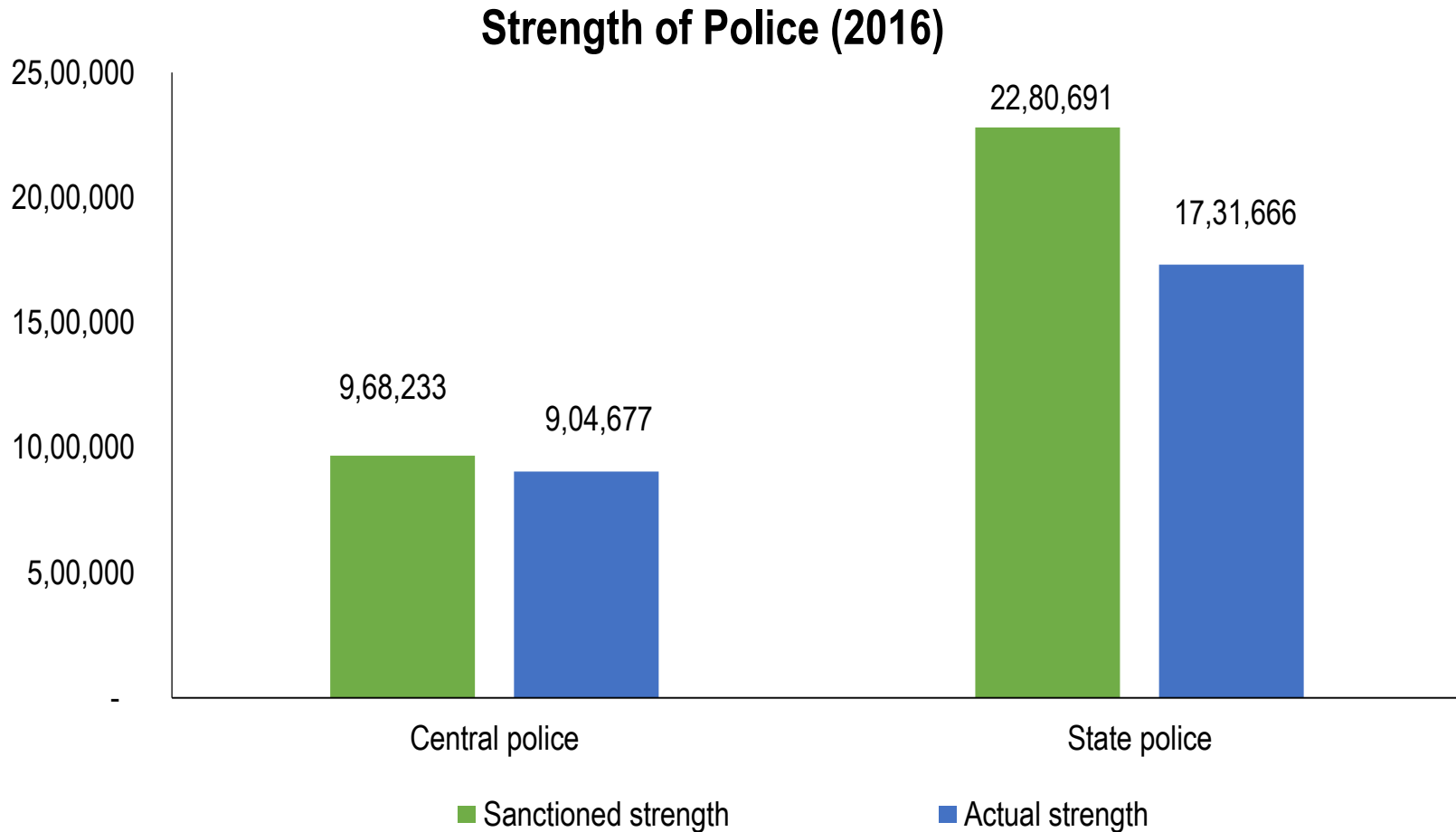


Sources: Schedule 7 and Article 355, Constitution of India; PRS.

Central Forces

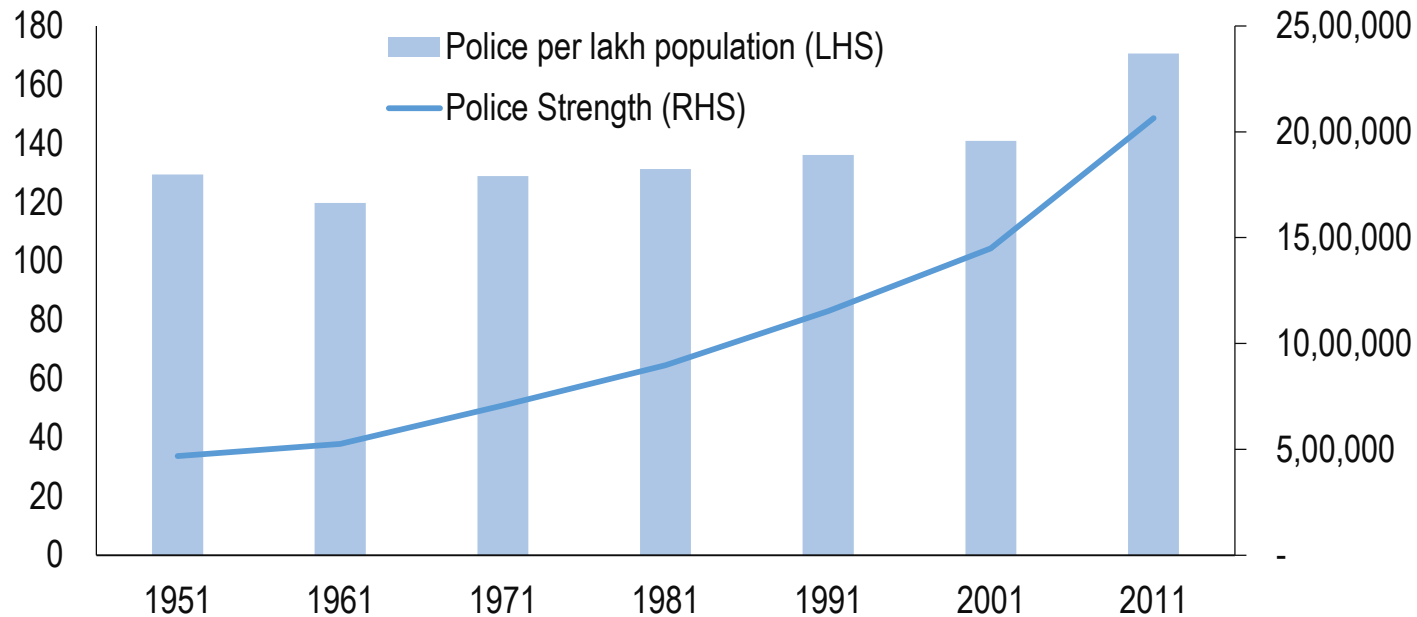
- **Assam Rifles:** India-Myanmar border
- **Border Security Force:** India-Pakistan and India-Bangladesh borders
- **Indo-Tibetan Border Police:** India-China border
- **Sashastra Seema Bal:** India-Nepal and Bhutan borders
- **Central Industrial Security Force:** Protects critical infrastructure installations
- **Central Reserve Police Force:** Assists with law and order, counter-insurgency, anti-naxal and communal violence operations
- **National Security Guards:** Counter-terrorism

Over 26 lakh personnel employed



Sources: Bureau of Police Research and Development; PRS.

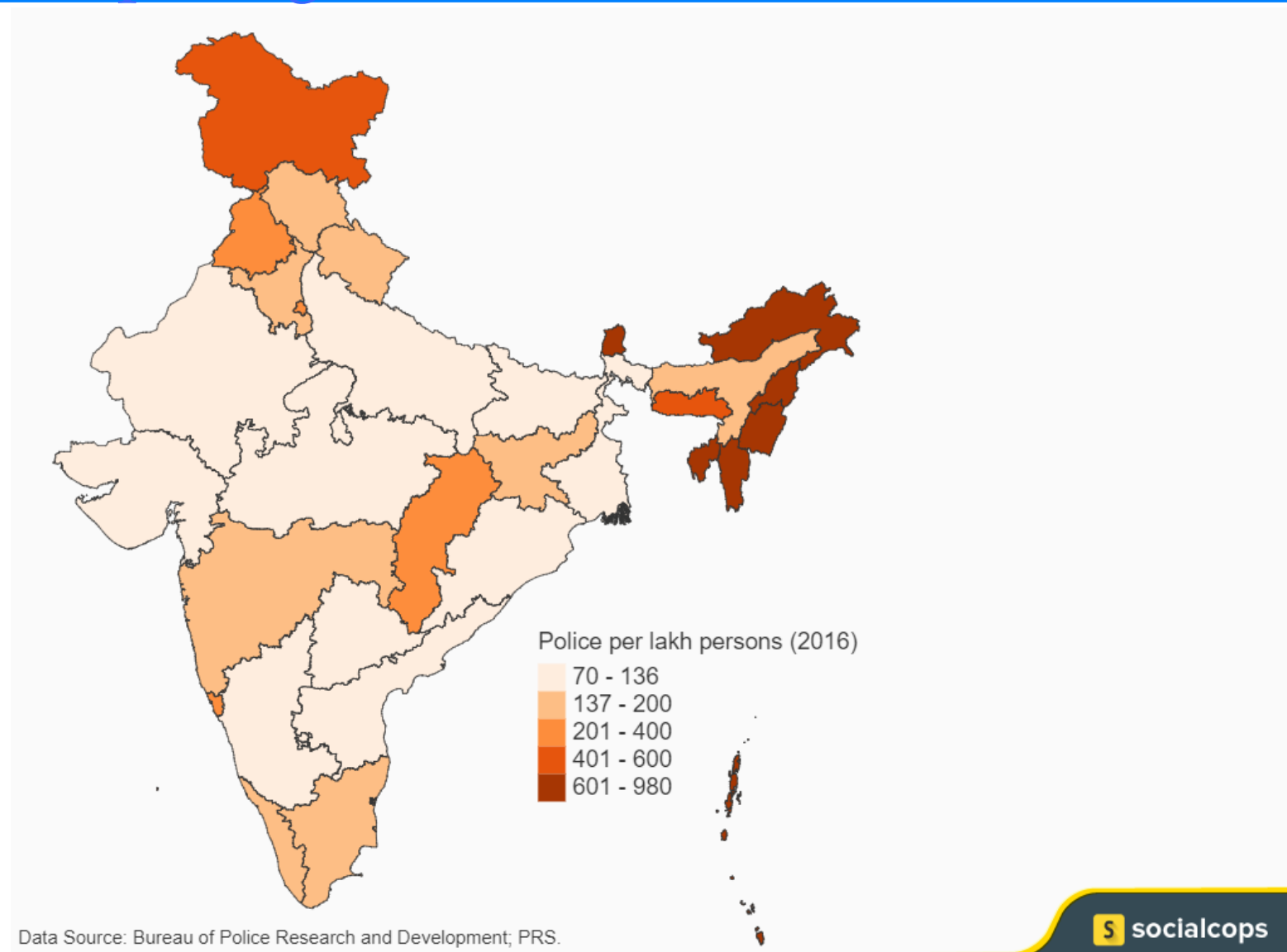
Increase in state police (1951-2011)



Note: Police per lakh population has been calculated using data for sanctioned strength of police and population for the respective years.

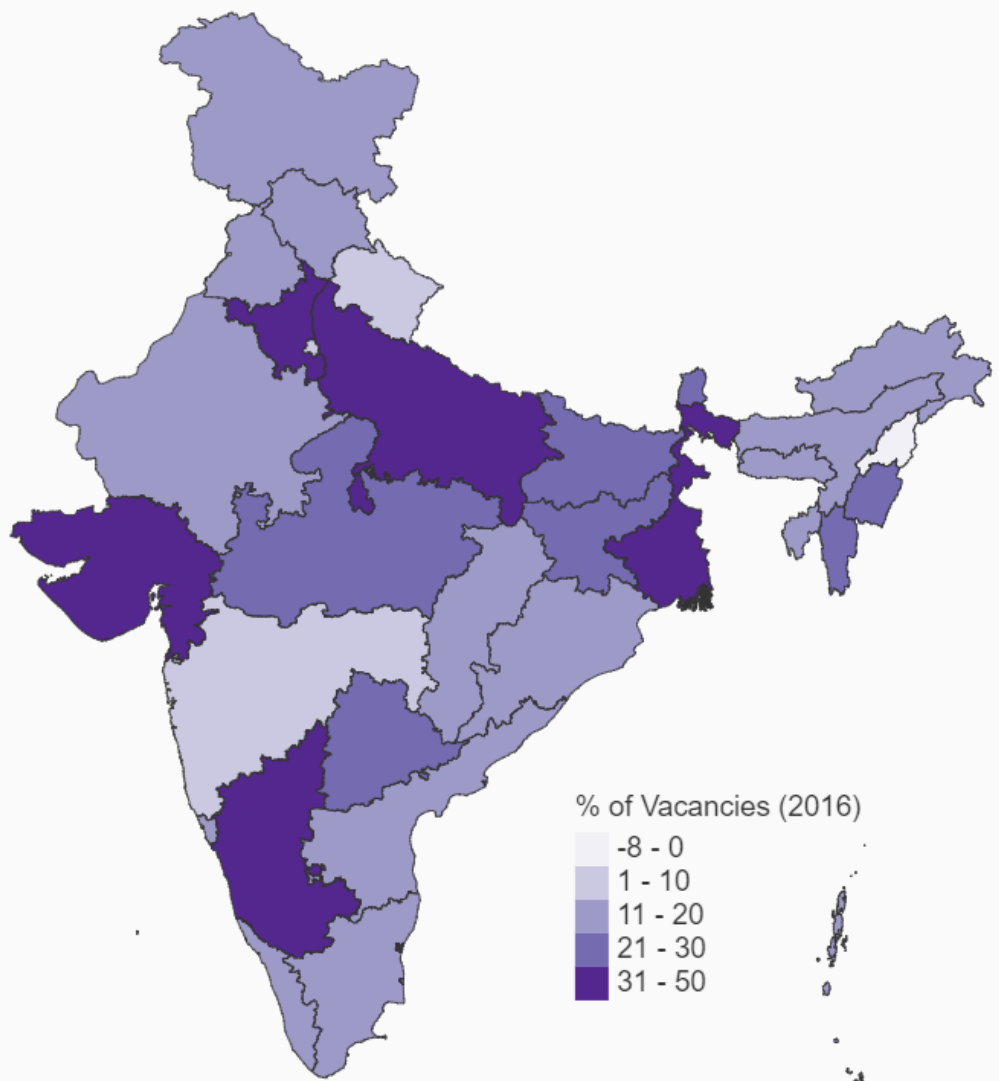
Sources: Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative; Census of India; PRS.

... comparing across states



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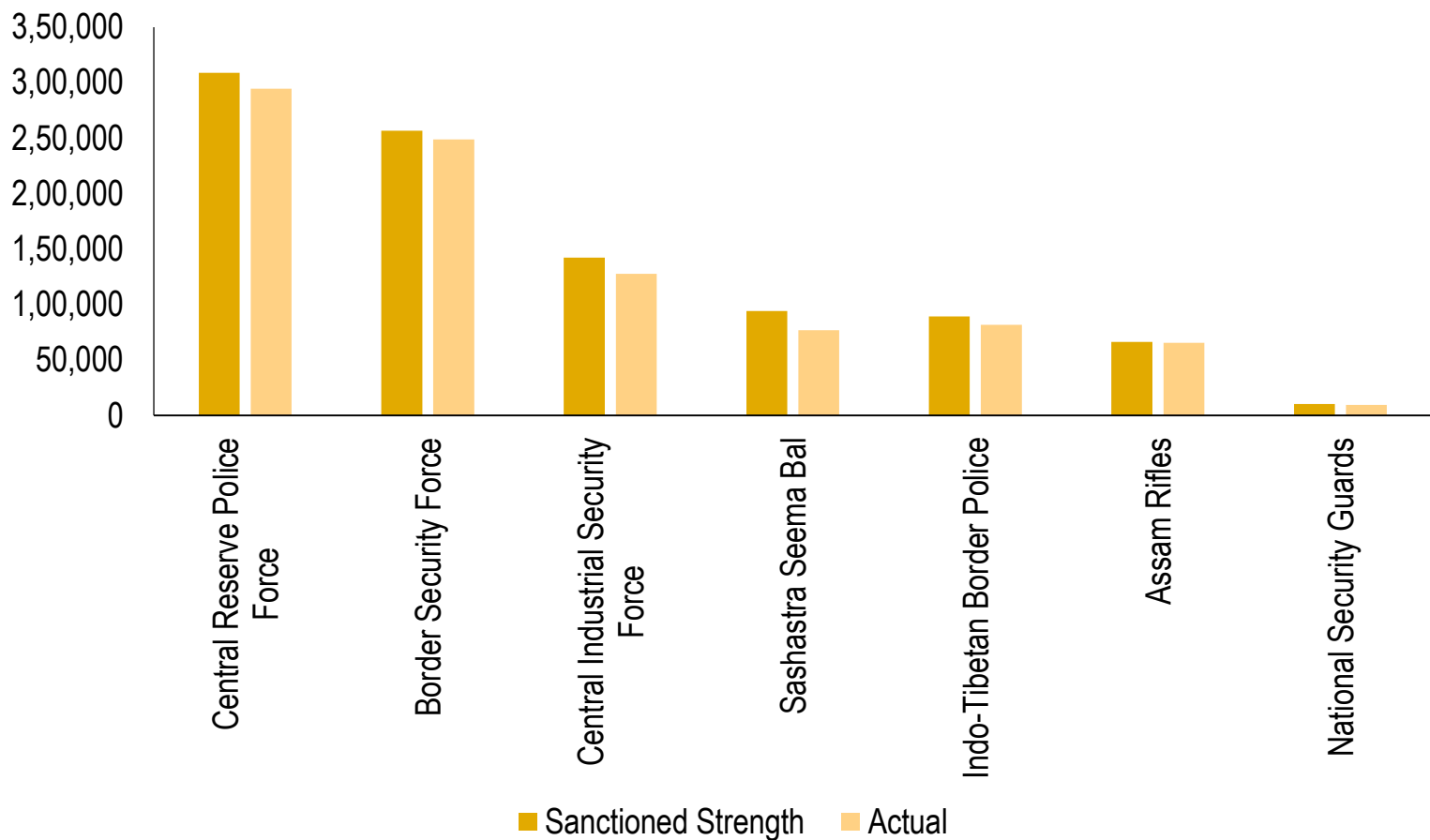
... however, 24% vacancies in states



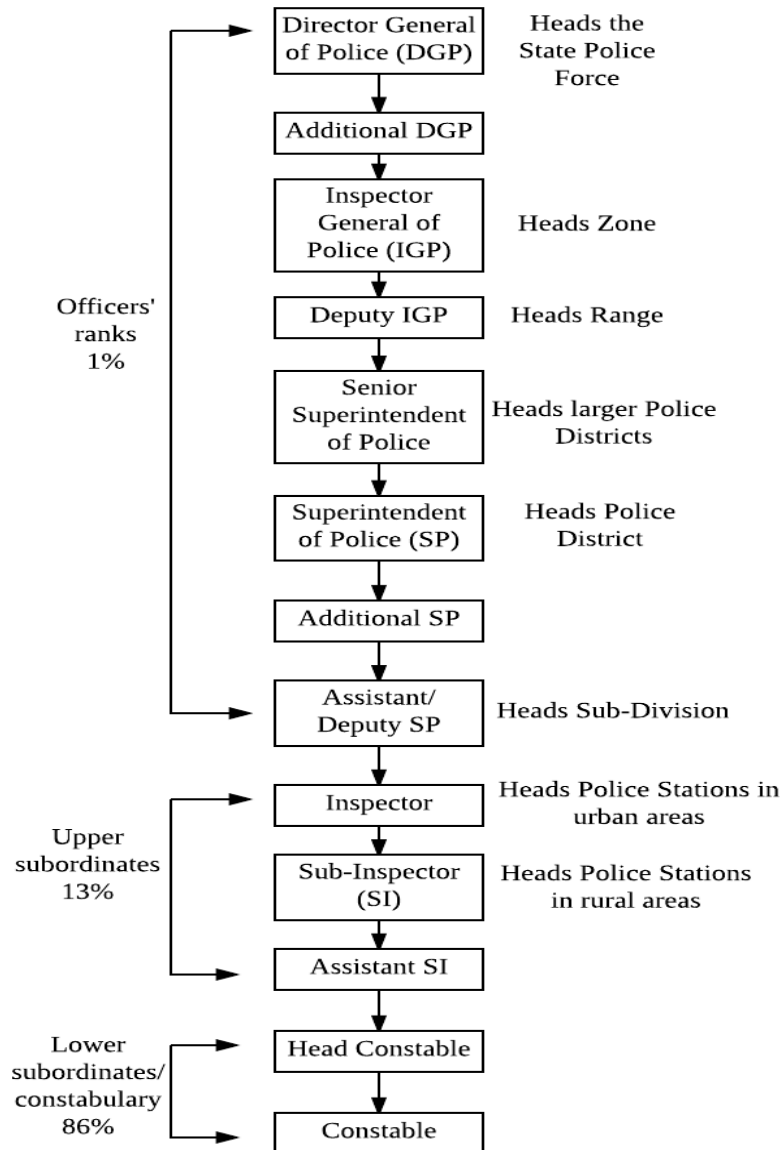
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... and 7% vacancies with central forces

SSB has 18% vacancies; CISF has 10%



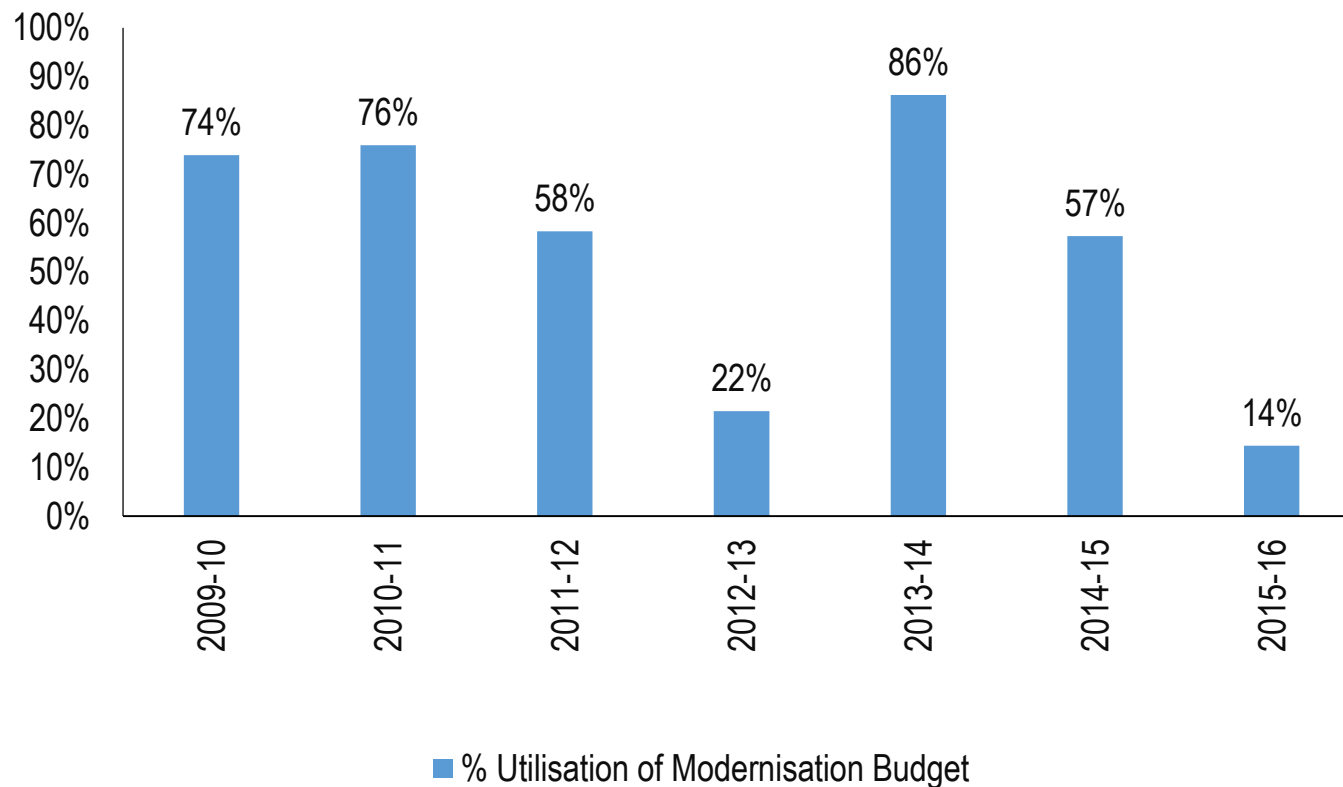
Hierarchy of state police



Shortages in police infrastructure

- Weaponry shortages
- Police vehicles
- Non-implementation of Police Telecommunication Network

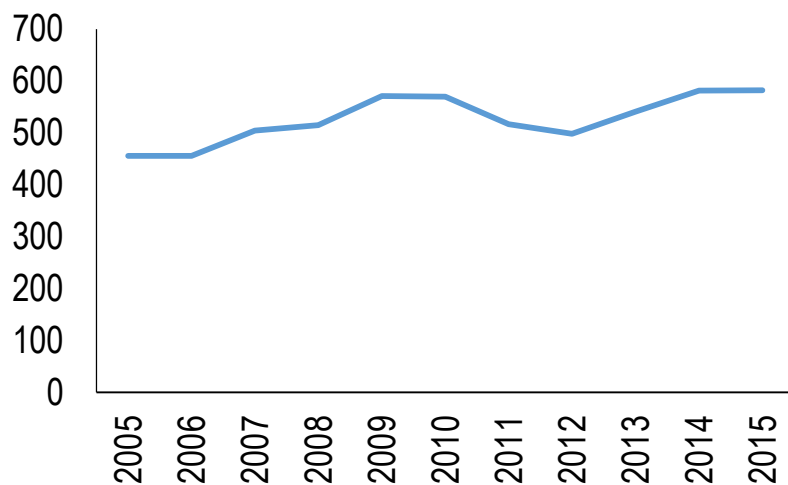
... and underspending on modernisation



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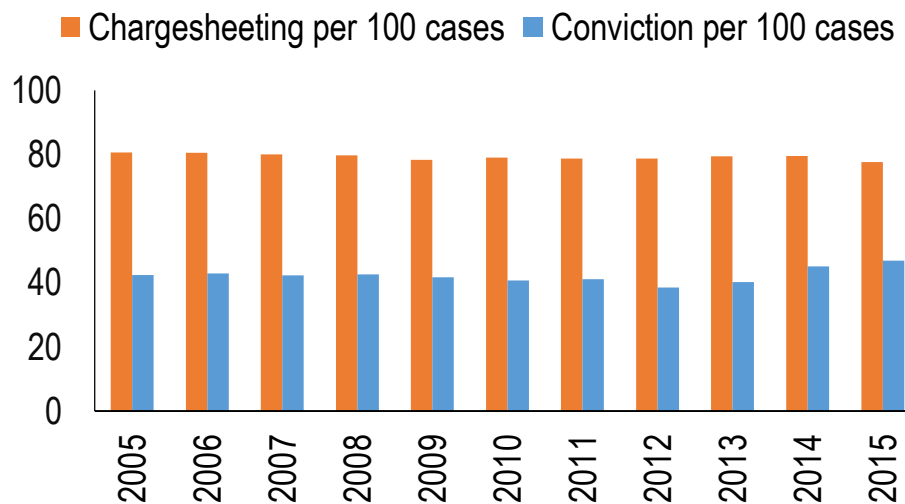
Rising crime, low conviction rate...

Crime per lakh population (Crime rate)



Sources: NCRB 2014; PRS.

Chargesheeting and Convictions under Indian Penal Code

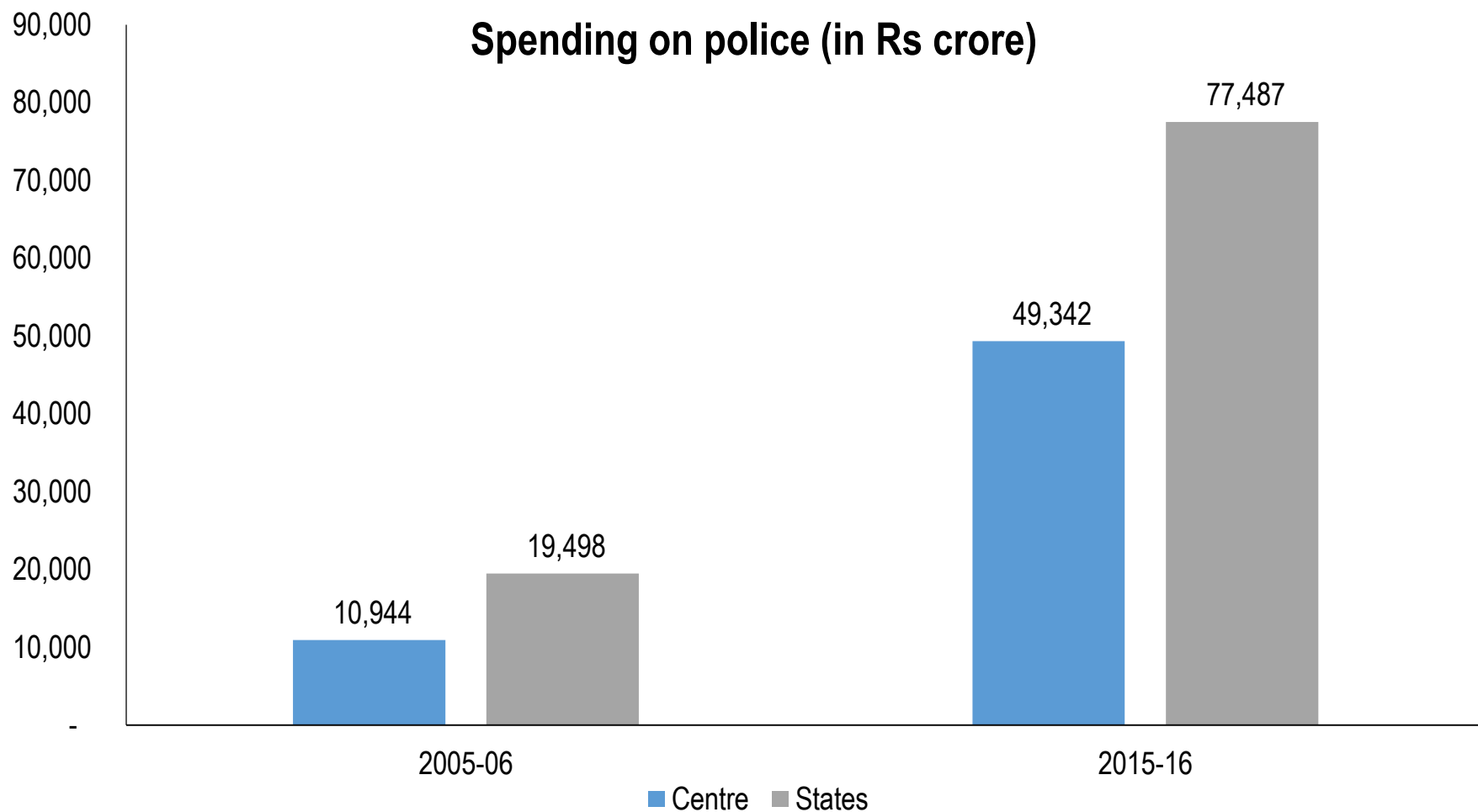


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.... Poor investigation: possible reasons

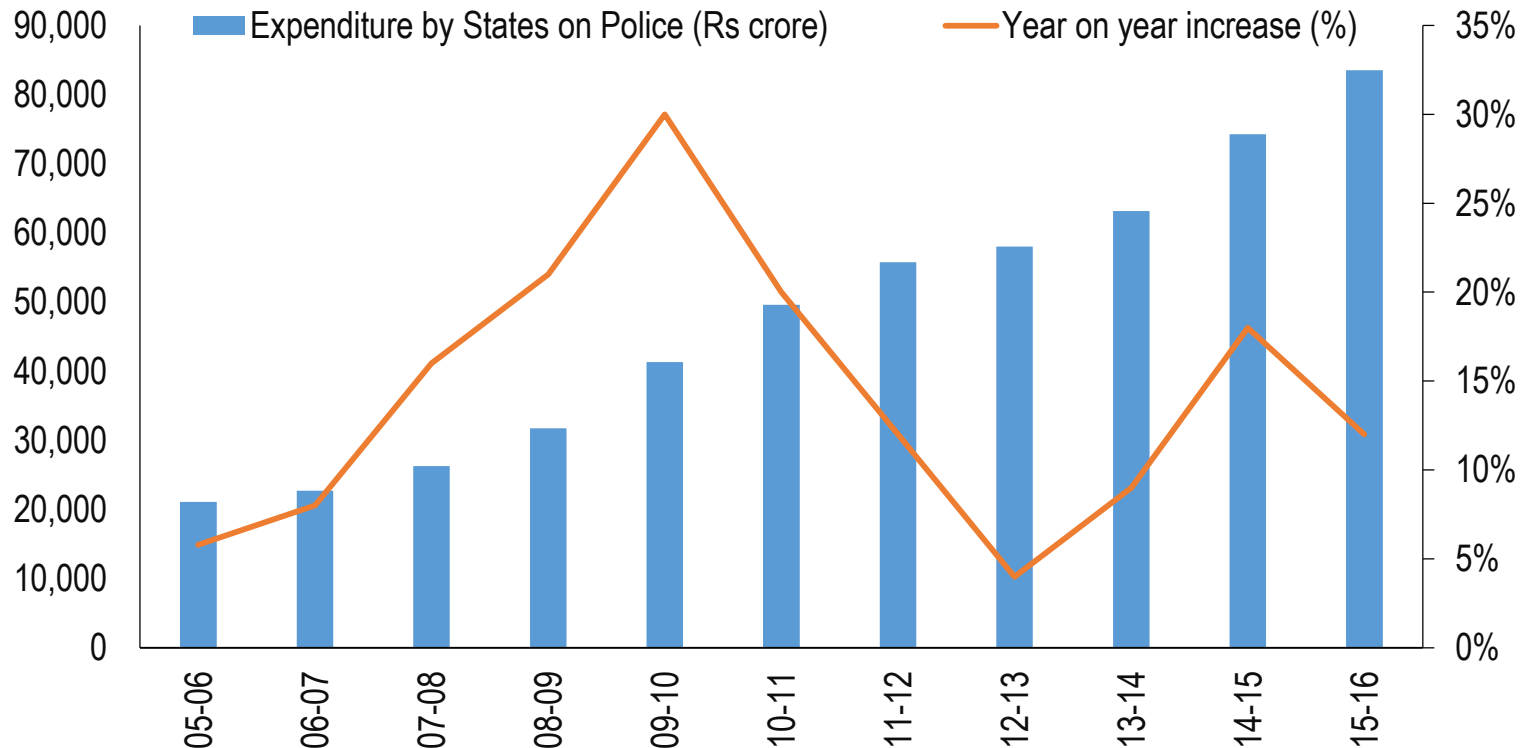
- Understaffed and overburdened
- Lack training and legal knowledge
- Forensic and other infrastructure

Centre and states spend 3% on police



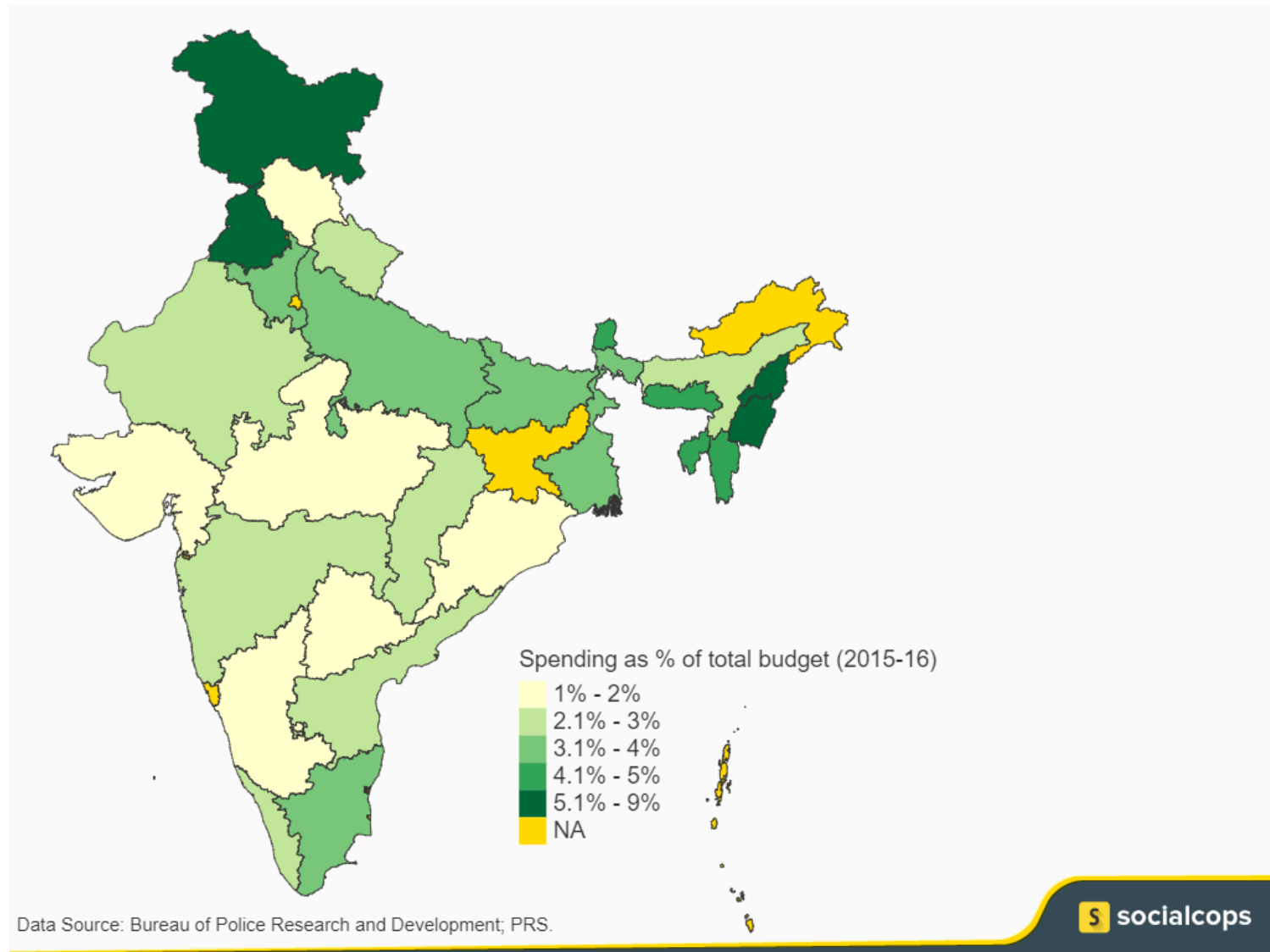
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States' spending over last decade

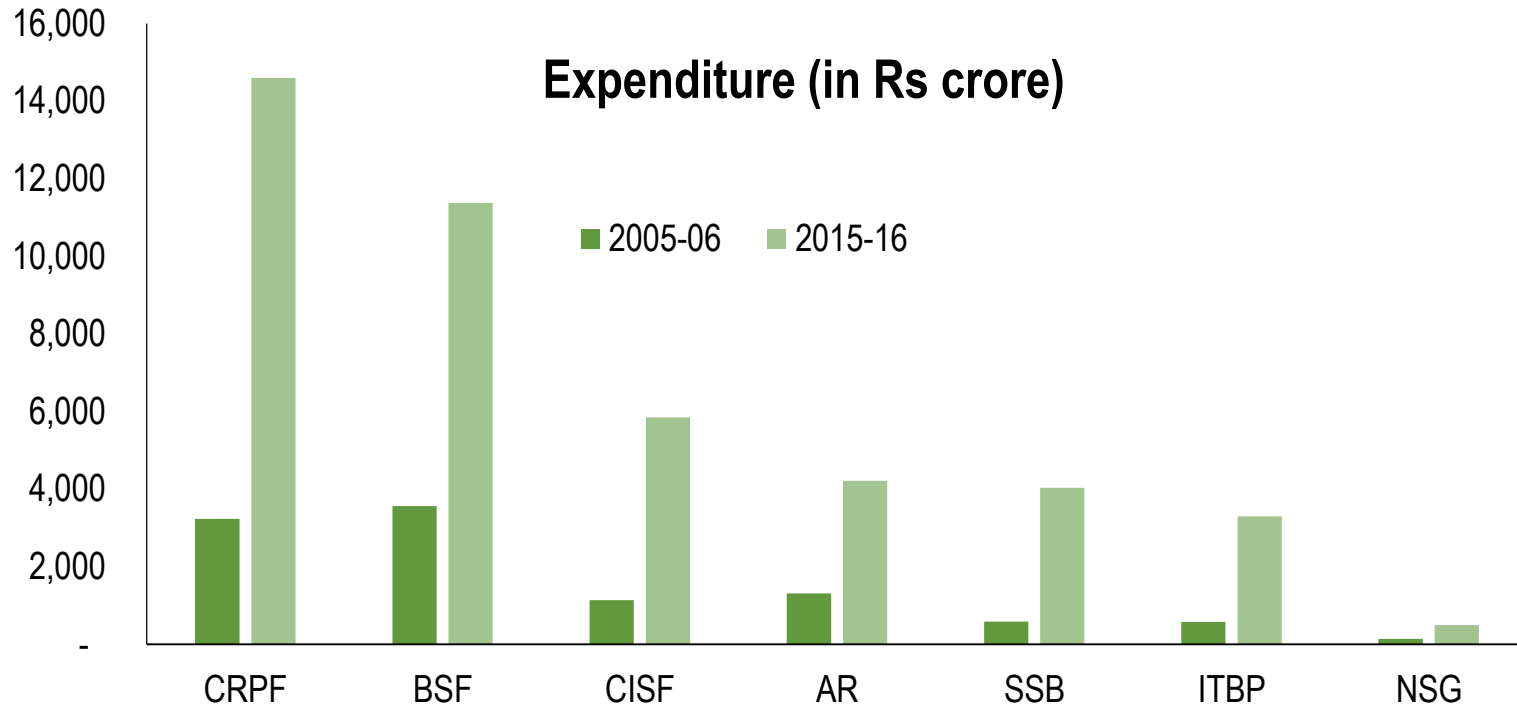


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... comparing among states



... centre spends most on CRPF and BSF



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Police accountability

- Accountability to political executive

Issue: Political interference in professional decision-making

- Accountability to independent authorities

Issue: Powers and composition



Thank you!