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Chandigarh: Haryana has urged the Union government to sanction one India Reserve Mahila Battalion for dealing with women protestors and has also sought financial and technical support for upgrading the police force.

The state has also sought funds for the purchase of equipment for regional forensic science laboratories. Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar raised these demands during the 11th meeting of the inter-state council chaired by PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

Khattar said the security in the state was largely impacted by the state's proximity to the National Capital Region, Delhi and the state faced a large number of agitations because of being in the vicinity of the capital.

"Most of the agitators include large number of women, making it difficult for the male policemen to handle them. The central government may consider sanctioning an India Reserve Mahila Battalion for maintaining law and order in the state," he said at the meeting.

Khattar said the recent recruitment would increase the number of women in Haryana police from 6% to 8% and, may go up to 10%. He also elaborated on the opening of all women police stations at district headquarters and state government's plans of extending the facility to sub-divisions.