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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
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STANDING ORDER No. 26

All the Chief Security Commissioners/RPF.

Sub: DEPLOYMENT OF R.P.S.F.

RPSF is the specialized armed wing of RPF and is, therefore, required to act as a Striking Force and as a back-up for the RPF in facing serious problems of railway crime, anti-social elements, agitation, terrorism, insurgency etc. affecting the operations of railways. However, the RPSF Coys. detailed in the Zonal Railways are being deployed for routine duties which are normally to be performed by RPF. This practice, besides disturbing the armed-force-character of RPSF is also reducing its prestige and effectiveness in the eyes of the public. The following guidelines will be followed for the deployment of RPSF.

I. Duties to be performed by RPSF

- a) RPSF may be utilised for guarding vital installations of the railways.
- b) The RPSF may be deployed for assisting RPF in escorting goods train in crime prone areas where high profile presence of forces is needed for reasons of volatile situations i.e. criminal belt or organised criminal gangs or insurgents/extremists.
- c) RPSF can be utilised to help RPF and Commercial staff as part of a Combined Task Force for short periods in performing ACP/HPD duties and

Ticketless Travelling raids in situations/areas where violence is apprehended as a result of such raids.

- d) RPSF may be deployed to combat mob violence against the safety and security of railway property where there is delay in the arrival of police or the Magistrate.
- e) RPSF may be deployed for making arrangements during strikes and lockouts for ensuring security of railway property and providing protection to loyal worker and for maintenance of law and order with assistance of local police.
- f) RPSF shall not be called upon to perform routine duties which are invariably to be performed by the RPF of the concerned Zonal Railways.
- g) DG/RPF will issue instructions from time to time on deployment of RPSF on other special duties whenever the occasion arises.
- h) In all deployments, a local RPF officer must accompany the RPSF contingent

II. Requisitioning of RPSF & Accommodation

- a) While requisitioning RPSF, CSC should specifically mention the purpose for which the RPSF is being requisitioned, the duration of duties and the specific place of deployment i.e. Coy Headquarters. The Commandant concerned will keep a watch and promptly report to IG/RPSF any violation of the conditions by requisitioning officer.
- b) Neither the temporary HQ of deployment nor the nature of duties etc. will normally be changed without the prior approval of IG/RPSF or DG/RPF.
- c) Proper accommodation for the RPSF must be earmarked before-hand which inter-alia includes barrack, kitchen and toilet facilities.
- d) A safe place for keeping the arms and ammunition must be identified. Armoury must be jointly inspected by the concerned Inspector in-charge of the RPF Post and the Coy Commander RPSF. However, where the deployment is under emergent conditions, such inspection will be held subsequently. In any case, the emphasis is that a secure place ought to be provided for the safety of arms and ammunition.

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II. Procedure of Deployment & Inspections :

- a) RPSF will not repeat not be deployed in less than a Section strength.
- b) Wherever new deployment of RPSF is being done, AC/RPSF should go to the Coy Hqs. preferably along with the Coy. However, if such visit is not possible due to any unavoidable reason, the officer must visit the Coy. Hqs. within a fortnight and personally look into the problems of logistics and duties. He should also go to the locations of the Platoons and Sections if they have been located away from the Coy.
- c) DSC, in whose jurisdiction the force has been deployed, must visit the Coy Hqs. at the earliest opportunity but not later than a month.
- d) The C.O. of the Bn. must visit the Coy Hqs. once in three months.
- e) DIG/IG RPSF should inspect the Bns. at regular intervals and should also pay visits to Coys deployed in the Zones.
- f) CSCs of Zonal Railways should visit the RPSF men deployed in their areas to look after their comfort as well as to review the performance.

IV. Equipment :

- (i) Each RPSF Company should be equipped with torches including Power Torch, bullet proof jackets and helmets, protective pads, poly-carbonate or cane shields and lathis, binoculars, night vision devices and Verrey-Light Pistol, wireless sets besides their normal equipment.
- (ii) The scale of such equipment will be laid down by the DG/RPF considering the nature of duties being performed by the Battalions in different parts of the country as well as the availability of resources.

Commandants of the RPSF Bn. will have a special responsibility to ensure that these orders are complied with in letter and spirit. Any violation must be promptly brought by the Commandants to the notice of DIG/IG RPSF and DG/RPF.

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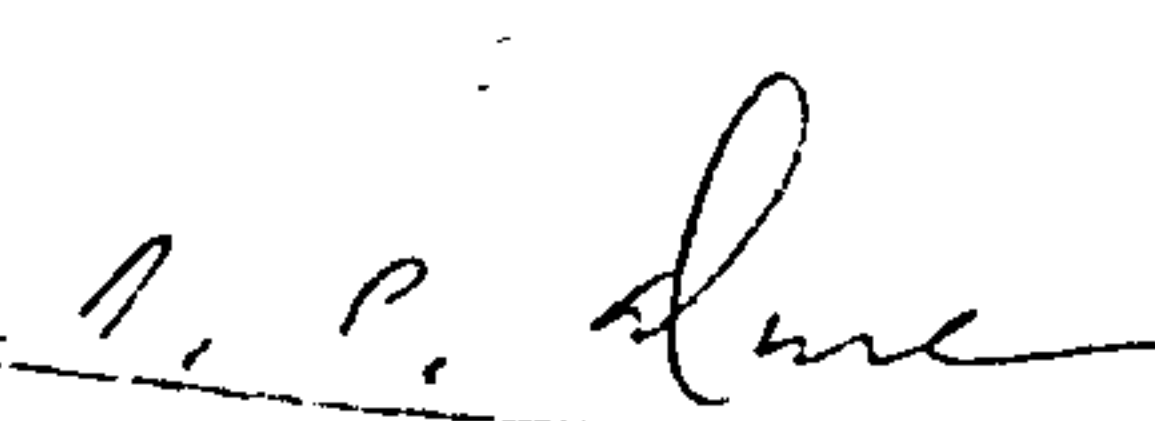
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