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**The Principal Chief Security Commissioners/RPF
All Zonal Railways, RPSF, Metro Rail/ Kolkata & KRCL,
All Production Units, CORE, Const, RDSO,
Director/JR RPF Academy/LKO &
Director/ RPF Training Centre, MLY & KGP**

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Sub:- Guidelines on Train Escorting.

The escorting of trains by RPF has gradually emerged as a very important tool for security of passengers. In this regard, detail instructions had already been issued by Railway Board, vide L. No. 2014/Sec(CCB)/Train Escorting dated 20.11.2014 (Copy enclosed).

Recently, during surprise checks of RPF/RPSF train escorting parties conducted by IVG/ Railway Board, it was revealed that RPF Constables are leading the escort parties consisting of RPSF Constables and no Subordinate officer/Head Constable is deployed in the composition of escort party as party In-charge. It reflects lack of supervision and monitoring on RPF escorts by Subordinate/Superior Officers. The escorting of trains has become a routine matter resulting which RPF/RPSF staff deployed for train escorting and their supervisory officers are not performing their duties as prescribed. There is need to review the train escorting system in the Zones and revitalise the functioning/monitoring of Train Escorting staff to ensure the implementation of instructions already issued by Railway Board in true spirit.

To streamline the escorting and to make it effective, following guidelines are being issued:

1. As far as possible the escort party should consist of a Subordinate Officer (SO). In absence of SO, at least a Head Constable should lead the escort team.
2. Escort party must be briefed in detail by the Duty Officer about the issues peculiar to the train/section where they are being deputed, the criminals/anti-social elements active in that area and the Do's & Don'ts during escorting.
3. To ensure that maximum numbers of train escort parties are headed by SOs following escort schedule for subordinate officers are fixed:-

Escorting schedule of RPF subordinate officers

(a) For RPF subordinate officer posted at RPF Posts.

S. No.	Rank	Minimum frequency
1.	IPF (PC)	Once in fort night
2.	SIPF	Once in a Week
3.	ASI	Twice in a Week

(b) For RPF subordinate officer posted in Reserve Lines/Train Escort/Cash Escort Coys.

S. No.	Rank	Minimum frequency
1.	IPF	Once in a Week
2.	SIPF	Twice in a Week
3.	ASI	Thrice in a Week

Note:- 1. This scale is minimum, Sr.DSC/DSC/IC may increase the frequency as per requirement.

2. Coy. Commander/SI & ASI of RPSF Coys. deployed should also follow the scale as provided in 3-(b).

4. To ensure effectiveness/alertness of train escort parties following schedule of escort checking enroute (between 22:00 Hrs to 04:00 Hrs in night) is fixed.

S. No.	Rank	Frequency
1.	Sr.DSC/DSC (I/C)	Four in a Month
2.	SC/HQ (2nd I/C)	Four in a Month
3.	ASC	Twice in a Week
4.	IPFs (Post Commanders)	Thrice in a Week

5. Duty officers wherever deployed may try to establish contact with maximum numbers of escort parties passing through their station of deployment during 22:00 Hrs to 04:00 Hrs of night. A system of signature exchange in their beat books/command certificates may be put in place as evidence of contact established.

6. Entry of all such checkings done should be reflected in Post's Station Diary by subordinate officers and in Personal/Monthly diary of Superior Officers.

7. All the escort parties after coming to the end points of their escorting duty will be debriefed by a subordinate officer of RPF post having jurisdiction over the end point. The subordinate officer, after having debriefed the escort party, will enter his remarks in general diary of the post. This will be in addition to the remarks made by the Escort party I/C. The inspector IC of the RPF post will send a weekly gist of all such remarks to Sr.DSC/DSC for his/her perusal and further necessary action.

8. During crime conferences of PCSCs and monthly crime meetings of Sr.DSC/DSC, the effectiveness of escort checking, gaps noticed during such checking and system improvement may be discussed and follow up action should be taken.

9. PCSCs should include such checking in the monthly charter of duties of their IVG teams also to ensure/check the implementation of the aforesaid order.
10. PCSCs may take additional measures as deemed fit to revitalise train escorting system in their respective jurisdictions. A periodical review may also be undertaken to maintain its effectiveness and to ensure that it does not get degraded to a mundane/routine exercise.

These instructions shall be conveyed down to the field staff and strict compliance shall be ensured.


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