

PARTICULARS OF ORGANIZATION, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

ORGANIZATION :-

Railway Protection Force is constituted and maintained by the Central Government as an Armed Force of the Union for the better protection and security of Railway property. This Force is constituted as per Section - 3 of RPF Act, 1957 (Amended 1985 & 2003).

Organizational set up of zonal railway :

- 1 for the purposes of the Act, a unit of the Force shall be distributed over each zonal railway including railway establishments and other railway areas served by that zonal railway.
- 2 The head of the Security Department in each zonal railway shall be a Chief Security Commissioner and the entire unit of the Force posted on that Railway (including railway establishments located on that railway) shall be under his command, supervision and administration.
- 3 A Chief Security Commissioner shall be assisted at his headquarters (hereinafter referred to as the Security Commissioner) by such number of Superior officers and enrolled members of the Force as may be appointed from time to time to look after the work of administration including personnel matters, crime and special intelligence, fire, prosecution, stores, reserve companies, training and claims prevention.

Organisational set up in the division:

- 1 The Force on each zonal railway shall be further distributed over divisions railway establishments.
- 2 Each division or railway establishment shall be headed BY A divisional Security Commissioner, who shall be assisted by such number of other superior officers and enrolled members of the Force as may be appointed from time to time.
- 3 For operational purposes, a division may be divided in to sub-divisions each under the charge of a superior officer.
- 4 A division or sub-division shall consist of one or more static posts and mobile companies organized in the manner specified in sub-rules (2) and (3) or rule 17.
- 5 Each Post or a company shall be under the charge of an officer not below the rank of an Inspector who may be assisted by such number of enrolled members of the Force as may be determined from time to time by the Chief Security Commissioner.
- 6 A static post or a mobile company may have one or more out-posts or detachments attached to it, each headed by an officer not below the rank of sub-Inspector and comprising of such number of other enrolled members of the Force as may be determined by the Chief Security Commissioner.

- 7 A fire Station shall be headed by an officer not below the rank of a sub-Inspector and consists of such number of other enrolled members of the Force as may be appointed from time to time for fire fighting and fire prevention.

Branches of the Force on a zonal railway :

- 1 Force deployed on each zonal railway shall consists of the following three branches, namely:-
- (a) Executive Branch
 - (b) Prosecution Branch, and
 - (c) Fire service branch
- 2 These branches shall consists of such number of superior officers and other enrolled members of the Force as may be determined by the Chief Security Commissioner with the approval of the Director-General.
- 3 The enrolled members in the respective branches of the Force, who are under the administrative control of the Chief Security Commissioner shall from a separate cadre in each such branch for the purposes of fixation of seniority.
- 4 No enrolled member of the Force shall be eligible for transfer from one branch to another except for filling up of vacancies of and below the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector in the Prosecution branch:
Provided that it is intended to transfer an enrolled member permanently from one branch to another, the approval of the Director-General shall invariably be obtained.

Executive Branch:-

1. The Executive Branch shall consist of five wings, namely:-
 - (i) Static Wing
 - (ii) Mobile Wing
 - (iii) Crime Wing
 - (iv) Special Wing and
 - (v) Stores Wing
- 2 the static Wing shall be organized on a Post pattern comprising of such number or enrolled members of the Force as may be needed for ensuring better protection and security of railway property and combating crimes against it.
- 3 The Mobile Wing, organised Wing, organized on such company pattern as may be decided by the Chief Security Commissioner concerned, shall preliminary perform the duties other than those required to be performed by the static wing under sub-rule 2, especially those having inter post ramifications.
- 4 Crime Wing shall function as a specified squad for collection and collation of information pertaining to criminals prying on railway property detection of crime, inquires into difficult cases having wider

ramifications, arrest of criminals and their prosecution. The Chief Security Commissioner may attach some enrolled members of the Force working in this Wing of his Security Commissariat as also the Dog Squad and handlers to each division. Control over such staff shall be shared functionally between the division and the Security Commissariat as may be ordered by the Chief Security Commissioner.

- 5 The Chief Security Commissioner may deploy enrolled members of the Force working in special Wing of his Security Commissariat in the divisions for collection of intelligence affecting the security and functioning of the railways. All the members of the branch shall function directly under the control of the Chief Security Commissioner through the immediate supervision and control of a superior officer incharge of Special Wing at his commissariat. Intelligence requiring immediate attention and action of the part of the division shall be passed on directly to the Divisional Security Commissioner by the unit deployed in that division.
- 6 The Stored Wing shall look after and cater to the requirements of the Force for uniform accoutrements, arms, ammunition, equipment and other stores items. This Wing shall also arrange for condemnation of unserviceable articles and their disposal. The Chief Security Commissioner may attach some enrolled members of the Force working in this Wing to each division who may work under the control of the Divisional Security Commissioner.

Prosecution Branch:

- 1 The Prosecution branch on each zonal railway shall have a separate cadre of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors who are appointed as public Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors respectively.
- 2 Other members of the branch shall be drawn from Executive branch where they shall retain their respective seniority of their parent cadre while posted in this branch.
- 3 The Chief Security Commissioner may attach enrolled members of the Force working in the Prosecution branch with the divisions. Control over the staff shall be shared functionally between the division and the Security Commissariat may be ordered by the Chief Security Commissioner.

Security Control Room:

- 1 A Security Control Room shall be set-up at the headquarters of the Director- General, Chief Security Commissioner and the Divisional Security Commissioner.
- 2 It shall function round the clock and be manned by such members of the Force as may be appointed to it from time to time.
- 3 All information necessary for exercising constant vigil on the incidence and pattern of crime and the areas endemic to such crime or for any other purpose shall be promptly collected by the Security Control

Room and swiftly disseminated to the authorities specified on this behalf by the respective functionaries listed in sub-rule (1) above.

- 4 In particular, any occurrence –
- (a) Which is a 'Special report' or 'Special Occurrence' case as defined in rules 229 and 230 or which is of unusual or of striking nature either in itself or because of its modus operandi;
 - (b) Which involves destruction of or damage to railway property or of overhead traction or is a case of mischief by fire within railway premises;
 - (c) Which is a case of suspected sabotage or tampering with track or any other manner has affected the movement of railway property or the Security and functioning of the railways.
 - (d) In which a member of the Force or a railway employee on duty has been assaulted or arrested or has opened fire;
 - (e) In which railway property exceeding the value, to be fixed by the Director General, has been recovered or in which any other important case has been detected;
 - (f) Which is likely to provoke reprisal from commuters and others;
 - (g) Which is likely to arouse interest of or criticism from railways users; and
 - (h) Which otherwise appears important to the Security Control Room, shall invariably be reported.

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE FORCE

- 1 The primary functions of the enrolled members of the Force shall be-
 - (a) to protect and safeguard railway property, passenger & passenger area and to combat crime against it;
 - (b) to do any other act conducive to better protection and security of railway property, passenger & passenger area ;
 - (c) to remove any obstruction in the movement of railway property or passenger area ; and
 - (d) to perform other functions of an armed force of the Union and to exercise powers of a railways servant as conferred by or under the Indian Railways Act, 1980.

- 2 The other functions of enrolled members of the Force shall be-
 - (i) to identify the situation that have potential for the commission of crime against the railway property either static or in transit or mobile and take remedial measures or suggest improvement in basic security arrangements of faulty procedures where necessary, the railway administration.
 - (ii) To reduce the opportunities of thefts, pilferages, misappropriation, trades, etc, against railway property and leakage of railway revenue through supervise preventive checks or other appropriate measures like detailing of patrols in vulnerable sectors, posting of guards and pickets at black spots, escorting of affected trains, keeping open or

- unobtrusive watch at workshops, stores, goods-sheds, depots, parcel offices, yards and other such places and at any station or enroute the destination of railway property;
- (iii) to aid, co-operate and co-ordinate the measures of other railway agencies or the police or other authorities in implementing other appropriate measures for ensuring prevention of crime against the railway property and providing for its better security;
 - (iv) to interpose at any time or place for preventing any attempt to steal, misuse, damage or tamper with the railway property or to convert it into private use without lawful authority and to intimate action against offenders;
 - (v) to register and take up enquires under the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act 1966, apprehend the offenders and participate in subsequent legal proceedings connected therewith;
 - (vi) to register or to promptly pass on reports for registration to the local police of all cognizable offences against the railway property, conduct enquires and collect evidence for localizing the crime or which is otherwise considered necessary and render such other assistance as may be possible in investigation of such cases;
 - (vii) to obtain intelligence relating to the commission of or intention to commit any offence specified in clauses(i),(ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix) of sub-section (1) of section 39 of the code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 on the railways and to lay such information and to take such other steps consistent with law and with the orders of his superiors as shall be best calculated to bring offenders to justice and to prevent the commission of cognizable and, within his view, of non-cognizable offences;
 - (viii) to collect intelligence about subversive and other objectionable activities affecting the security and functioning of the railways as well as the activities of criminals and suspects prying on railway property;
 - (ix) to study all cases of suspected sabotage or tampering with track or obstruction to movement of railway property with a view to suggesting preventive measures to railway administration and the police;
 - (x) subject to rule 42 to assist the railway administration during strikes and lockouts as well as the police during mob violence or civil disturbances or for maintenance of law and order and control of railway crime or when deputed any where in India in aid to civil power.
 - (xi) To assist the commercial and other departments of the railway during raids on ticket less travellers, alarm chain pullers, unauthorized hawkers and on those indulging in, hose pipe disconnections or infringing other provisions of the Indian Railways Act, 1980;
 - (xii) To aid any other member of the Force when called upon by such other member or in the case of need in the discharge of the duty of such other member, in such ways as would be lawful and reasonable on the part of the member thus aided;
 - (xiii) To use his best endeavours to prevent any loss damage by fire to railway property;

- (xiv) To record and study all cases or fire incidents involving railway property and suggest preventive measures and to operate and maintain fire fighting equipment at railway stations, installations, etc;
- (xv) To guard cash office of railway and escort their pay clerks;
- (xvi) To take prompt measures to procure necessary medical help for any wounded or sick person under the arrest or in custody;
- (xvii) To arrange for the proper sustenance and shelter to every person who every person who is under arrest or in custody;
- (xviii) To undertake any other security duty assigned to the Force by or with the concurrence of railway administration for the execution of which necessary resources have been provided and approval of the Director-General of the Chief Security Commissioner, as the case may be, obtained; and
- (xix) To promptly obey and execute all orders lawfully issued to him by any superior officer or the Force and to discharge such other duties as are imposed upon him by any law for time being in force or case on him by any railway rule.

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