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**STANDING ORDER No. 55**

The Chief Security Commissioners/ All Zonal Railways.  
The Chief Security Commissioners/RPSF, Railway Board

**Sub: Re - introduction of Slow March in RPF Parade .**

1. Slow March in weekly parades held at the Posts and Divisional levels and in Ceremonial parades has been discontinued by almost all the Railways and Battalions. Even the RPF Academy and the Zonal Training Schools appear to have given up slow march in weekly parades.

2. Slow March is an important item of the Squad/ Platoon drill not only for its grandeur and elegance but also for promoting physical fitness and poise. On many occasions, Slow March is not included in the ceremonial parades saying that the officers and men have no practice. This is something very strange as weekly parades are reported to be held regularly at the Post, Divisional and Zonal levels. Probably weekly parades are held in a routine manner.

3 . To improve the standard of parades and to keep the men in regular touch with Slow March, the following instructions are issued for immediate compliance.

i) Weekly parades shall be held regularly with maximum possible staff at all Posts, Companies and Out - Post. Out - Posts can join their Posts if situated nearby. All items of squad - drill including slow march, arms drill and lathi drill shall be practiced during such parades.

ii) Regular weekly parades shall be held at the Head - quarters of DSC, ASC and BNs. When sufficient number of staff can be mobilized, a ceremonial parade shall be practiced invariably during such parades. It is needless to say that march in slow time shall be practiced during these parades, apart from the items of squad - drill, arms drill and lathi drill.

iii) At the Zonal head - quarter, the CSCs , Dy. CSC and other officers attached to the head quarter office shall attend the weekly parades. It shall be the responsibility of the DSC of the Division in which the Zonal head - quarter is located to organize the weekly parades. Such parades shall be given practice in squad - drill, arms drill and a ceremonial parade including Slow March.

(iv) No ceremonial parade will be held on any occasion in the Divisions, Zones, Battalions, Training institutions and at the Board level without march - pass in slow time.

4. Presence of a band always enhances the ceremonial parades including the practices. In Divisional headquarters, the local Police band may be invited at least once in a month. All RPSF battalions should maintain a band in their headquarters ( 10 - 15 strength) out of their existing strength. IG/RPSF will please issue orders on this separately.

5. Copies of the S.O. may be sent down to the Post/ Out - Post level and also translated into regional languages and put up on the notice boards and explained to the men at Roll Call.

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