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RAILWAY BOARD
(NEW DELHI)**

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DIRECTIVE NO. 39

Sub:- Provision of appropriate weaponry to the Force and Scale of Arms and Ammunition.

In supersession of Standing Order No. 103 circulated vide no 2011/Sec(Spl)/20/10 dated 09.02.2011, Standing Order No 107 vide no 2010/Sec(Spl)/6/7 dated 29.04.2011, its addendum dated 1/12/2011, addendum of SO 103 vide no 2011/Sec(Spl)/20/10 dated 01.12.2011, authorization of weapons for Training Centres vide no. 2011/Sec/CO(SA)/20/20 dated 17.02.2012 and modification of Standing Order 103 vide no 2011/Sec(Spl)/20/10 dated 15.12.2015, following consolidated instructions are hereby issued on the subject.

The authorization of Arms and ammunition for all Zonal Railways shall be as under:-

(i) **ARMS**

| S. No | Railways/RPSF | Weapons Authorised as Percentage of sanctioned strength |
|-------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 | Central Railway | 75% |
| 2 | Eastern Railway | 75% |
| 3 | East Central Railway | 75% |
| 4 | East Coast Railway | 75% |
| 5 | Northern Railway | 75% |
| 6 | North Central Railway | 50% |
| 7 | North Eastern Railway | 50% |
| 8 | North East Frontier Railway | 75% |
| 9 | North Western Railway | 50% |
| 10 | Southern Railway | 50% |
| 11 | South Central Railway | 75% |
| 12 | South Eastern Railway | 75% |
| 13 | South East Central Railway | 75% |
| 14 | South Western Railway | 50% |
| 15 | Western Railway | 50% |
| 16 | West Central Railway | 50% |
| 17 | RPSF | 100% |

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(ii) **SCALE OF WEAPONS:-**

a) The rank-wise scale of weapons for RPF personnel shall be as under:-

| Rank | In other than Terrorists/ Naxalite/LWE affected areas | In Terrorists/ Naxalite/LWE affected areas in CR, NR, NFR, ER, ECR, ECoR, SCR, SER & SECR |
|-------------------|---|--|
| GOs & IPF | 100% Pistol Glock | 100% Pistol Glock |
| SI | 100% Pistol Glock | 100% Pistol Glock |
| ASI | 100% Pistol Glock | 50% MP-5 A3 or equivalent 50% Pistol Glock |
| Head Constable | 20% Rifle 5.56mm INSAS 15% Rifle 7.62 X 39mm (AK-47) 20% MP-5 A3 or equivalent 45% Pistol Glock | 20% Rifle 5.56mm INSAS 30% Rifle 7.62 X 39mm (AK-47) 25% MP-5 A3 or equivalent 25% Pistol Glock |
| Constable | 25% Rifle 5.56mm INSAS 25% Rifle 7.62 X 39mm (AK-47) 15% Rifle 7.62mm SLR 25% M.P 5 A3 or equivalent 10% Pistol Glock | 25 % Rifle 5.56mm INSAS 35% Rifle 7.62 X 39mm (AK-47) 25% M.P 5 A3 or equivalent 15% Pistol Glock |
| Drivers | 100% Pistol Glock | 100% Pistol Glock |

b) The rank-wise scale of weapons for RPSF personnel shall be as under:-

| Rank | Weapons (All Over Indian Railways) |
|--------------------|---|
| Gos & IPF | 100% Pistol Glock |
| SI | 100% Pistol Glock |
| ASI | 50% MP-5 A3 or equivalent 50% Pistol Glock |
| Head- Constable | 30% Rifle 5.56mm INSAS 20% M.P 5 A3 or equivalent 20% Pistol Glock 30% Rifle 7.62 X 39mm (AK-47) |
| Constable | 20% Rifle 5.56mm INSAS 20% M.P 5 A3 or equivalent 10% Pistol Glock 50% Rifle 7.62 X 39mm (AK-47) |
| Drivers | 100% Pistol Glock |

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(iii) It is imperative to provide better security to Railways in terrorists/Naxalite/LWE/Terrorist effected RPF zones over various Zonal Rlys/States- viz- CR, NR, NFR, ER, ECR, ECoR, SCR, SER & SECR. To strengthen the security provision, authorization of LMGs shall be as under:-

| S. No | RAILWAYS/ RPSF | Authorization of LMG 5.56mm | | |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Division | Trg. Centre | |
| | | | Service | Drill Purpose |
| 1 | CR | 3 per Div. | 18 | 10 |
| 2 | ER | 5 per Div. | 15 | 08 |
| 3 | ECR | 3 per Div. | 15 | 08 |
| 4 | ECoR | 3 per Div. | - | - |
| 5 | NR | 5 per Div. | - | - |
| 6 | NCR | 3 per Div. | 10 | 05 |
| 7 | NER | 3 per Div. | 10 | 05 |
| 8 | NFR | 5 per Div. | 10 | 05 |
| 9 | NWR | 3 per Div. | 10 | 05 |
| 10 | SR | 3 per Div. | 15 | 08 |
| 11 | SCR | 3 per Div. | 10 | 05 |
| 12 | SER | 4 per Div. | 18 | 10 |
| 13 | SECR | 3 per Div. | - | - |
| 14 | SWR | 3 per Div. | - | - |
| 15 | WR | 3 per Div. | 15 | 08 |
| 16 | WCR | 3 per Div. | - | - |
| 17 | RPSF | 18 per BN | 15 | 08 |
| 18 | ACADEMY | 0 | 15 | 08 |
| 19 | CARS/DHD | 0 | 0 | 5 |

(iv) In light of proposed introduction of modern weapons in RPF/RPSF, as per capacity in RPF/RPSF Trg. Centres, % authorization of weapons shall be as under:-

| S. No | RAILWAYS/RPSF | TRAINING CENTRE CAPACITY | % AUTHORIZATION AS PER CAPACITY OF TRAINING CENTRE | | | | |
|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| | | | SLR | INSAS | AK-47 | MP-5 or equivalent | GLOCK |
| 1 | Central Railway | 350 | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% |
| 2 | Eastern Railway | 275 | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% |
| 3 | East Central Railway | 275 | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% |
| 4 | North Central Railway | 100 | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% |
| 5 | North Eastern Railway | 120 | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% |
| 6 | Northeast Frontier Railway | 160 | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% |
| 7 | North Western Railway | 200 | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% |
| 8 | Southern Railway | 300 | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% |
| 9 | South Central Railway | 200 | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% |
| 10 | South Eastern Railway | 450 | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% |
| 11 | Western Railway | 260 | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% |
| 12 | RPSF | 300 | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% |
| 13 | JR ACADEMY | 300 | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 15% |

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(v) Scale of ammunition for various weapons in RPF/RPSF shall be as under:-

| S. No | Weapons | Service Amn. per Weapon | Practice Amn. per personnel | Training Amn. per Trainee |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Pistol 9mm Browning/Glock | 30 | 15 | 40 |
| 2 | Carbine 9mm/MP-5 A3 or equivalent | 90 | 15 | 40 |
| 3 | SLR/INSAS/AK-47 | 100 | 20 | 80 |
| 4 | LMG 7.62mm/LMG 5.56mm | 750 | 20 (RPSF only) | 80 |

Note:-

1. **.38" Revolver** will be used (as per scale of 15 rounds for practice and 80 rounds for training) till the consumption of all the .38" ammunition available in Zonal Rlys. After consumption of all the .38" ammunition, Revolver .38" will be phased out.
2. **LMG .303"** will be used (as per scale of 80 rounds for training) till the consumption of all the .303" ammunition available in Zonal Rlys. After consumption of all the .303" ammunition, LMG .303" will be phased out.
3. **Reserve ammunition** – Since the supply of ammunition cannot be assured exactly as per our requirement, 10% of total ammunition authorised may be kept as reserve to buffer periods of shortage/non supply/ excess consumption due to recruitment etc.

(vi) In order to strengthen the Commando Coys in RPF/RPSF, and in light of introduction of modern weapons in RPF/RPSF, % authorization of weapons for Commando Coys shall be as under :-

| Rank | Authorization of weapons |
|-------------|--|
| Inspector | 100% MP-5A3 or equivalent as Primary weapon 100% Pistol Glock as Secondary weapon |
| SI/ASI | 50% Rifle 7.62 X 39mm (AK -47) as Primary weapon 50% MP-5 A3 or equivalent as Primary weapon 100% Pistol Glock as Secondary weapon |
| HC/CT | 100% Rifle 7.62 X 39mm (AK -47) as Primary weapon 100% Pistol Glock as Secondary weapon |
| Per section | Sniper Rifle |

(vii) Scale of ammunition for the Commandos of RPF/RPSF shall be as under:-

| S.No | Weapons | Service Ammunition per Weapon | Practice Ammunition per personnel per month | Training Ammunition per Trainee |
|------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Rifle 7.62 X 39mm (AK-47) | 100 | 20 x 12=240 | 600 |
| 2 | Pistol Glock 9mm | 45 | 15 x 12=180 | 200 |
| 3 | MP-5A3 or equivalent | 90 | 15 x 12=180 | 200 |

NOTE:- 1. Training ammunition is as per requirement during Commando Training at CAPF/ SPOs Commando Training Centre.

2. Reserve ammunition – Since the supply of ammunition cannot be assured exactly as per our requirement, 10% of total ammunition authorised may be kept as reserve to buffer periods of shortage/non supply/ excess consumption due to recruitment etc.

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(viii) RPF has been performing duty under various circumstances where often they are amidst public. Frequently they are subjected to situations like rail roko, dharna inside the Rly premises, which leads to agitated situation. To counter such situation, RPF/RPSF are not equipped properly where they can effectively overcome such situation and also roundup the rouges responsible. Besides Commandos so raised in RPF/RPSF have to deal with extreme emergent situations where apart from specialized training they must be equipped with Arms & Ammunition which would help them in overcoming such extreme exigencies. Accordingly RPF/RPSF Commandos shall also be equipped with the following as well:

| S. No. | Weapon | Authorisation | Scale of Ammunition | | |
|--------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------|
| | | | Service | Practice | Training |
| 1 | Stun Grenade | @ 4 Nos per Commando | 04 | 05 per Month | 10 |
| 2 | Non lethal Stun/Taser Gun | @ 9 Nos per Coys | 02 | 01 per year | 01 |
| 3 | Sniper Rifle | @ 3 Nos per Coys | 50 | 05 per Month | 05 |

(ix) Authorization of Projector Pyrotechnic Hand (PPTH) and scale of various types of PPTH cartridge in RPF/RPSF shall be as under:-

| S. No | RAILWAYS/ RPSF | Authorisation | | Scale of Ammunition | | |
|-------|-------------------|---------------|----------|--|---|---|
| | | Division | T/Centre | Service | Practice | Training |
| 1 | CR | 3 per Div. | 17 | 09 Cartg per weapon <u>ILL-3</u> <u>Red-3</u> <u>Green - 3</u> | 09 Cartg over a Coy strength <u>ILL-3</u> <u>Red-3</u> <u>Green - 3</u> | 01 Cartg (any of three type) per trainee <u>ILL-1</u> <u>Red-1</u> <u>Green -1</u> |
| 2 | ER | 3 per Div. | 17 | | | |
| 3 | ECR | 3 per Div. | 17 | | | |
| 4 | ECoR | 3 per Div. | - | | | |
| 5 | NR | 3 per Div. | - | | | |
| 6 | NCR | 3 per Div. | 17 | | | |
| 7 | NER | 3 per Div. | 17 | | | |
| 8 | NFR | 3 per Div. | 17 | | | |
| 9 | NWR | 3 per Div. | 17 | | | |
| 10 | SR | 3 per Div. | 17 | | | |
| 11 | SCR | 3 per Div. | 17 | | | |
| 12 | SER | 3 per Div. | 17 | | | |
| 13 | SECR | 3 per Div. | - | | | |
| 14 | SWR | 3 per Div. | - | | | |
| 15 | WR | 3 per Div. | 17 | | | |
| 16 | WCR | 3 per Div. | - | | | |
| 17 | RPSF | 18 per BN | 17 | | | |
| 18 | JR ACADEMY | - | 17 | | | |
| 19 | CARS/DHD | - | 05 | | | |

General:-

1. Till the introduction/supply of the new weapons, the scale of the new weapons would be supplemented by the existing weapons.
2. After procurement of the new weapons, excess weapons viz – CM 9mm, Pistol Auto and 7.62 SLR would be processed to be phased out.
3. All the Training Centres/JR RPF Academy need to be equipped with DP weapons for Drill purpose. As such, required nos of SLR (which would become excess with the induction of new weapons) should be converted to DP and made available to all Zonal Trg. Centres/JR Academy. Remaining weapons should be processed to be phased out.

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(x) **Following instructions be implemented in letter and spirit:-**

- All Sr.DSC/DSC/Sr.CO/COs will issue clear instructions as per the drill/procedures, to be followed at the times of issue and deposit of arms and ammunition in Kote.
- Sr.DSCs/DSCs/Sr.CO/COs shall personally ensure that the place for keeping Arms & Ammunition of RPF/RPSF are secured in all respects. CSCs should periodically monitor this aspect to avoid any untoward incident.
- A sub-ordinate officer, who is well-versed with weapon handling, be nominated as Kote supervisor to monitor the activities of staff at the time of issue and deposit of arms and ammunition in the Kote.
- Arms and Ammunition shall not be handed over/taken over at the duty points in public areas, except in extremely exceptional circumstances. In such cases, Sr.DSC/DSC/Sr.CO/COs will issue clear instructions to the Coy. Commander/Post in-charge concerned who shall ensure strict compliance of the procedure as mentioned supra.
- Regular briefing and debriefing should be made by the supervisory officers at the time of mounting of and dismounting from duty on the aspects of safety, security and careful handling of weapons.
- Supervisory officers and GOs, during their rounds to the duty beats, will verify that the instructions issued from time to time on safety, security and handling of weapons, are strictly followed by the staff.
- For up-gradation of firing skills proper musketry training and dedicated firing practices of the staff must be ensured. Efforts may be made for installation of firing simulators at Divisional/BN HQrs and Training Centres.
- All Officers and staff should undergo Annual Range Classification every year. Best practices in Annual Range Classifications must be followed and the staff, who secure high marks in the practice, may be given cash awards.
- A pocket-sized booklet on the safety and maintenance of arms & ammunition may be issued to all the staff for ready reference.
- All the prescribed registers should be maintained by Unit Armourers/Kote Officers for records of Arms, Ammunition, Spare parts etc.
- For keeping track of condition of the weapons, Arms History Sheet Register shall invariably be maintained by the concerned Armourer at Division/BN level.
- A Firing record register, mentioning date wise number of rounds fired from a particular weapon, shall be maintained by the concerned Division of a Zone and Coys of every RPSF BN.
- Physical Verification (counting of ammunition by opening of sealed boxes) of ammunition received from Central Armoury shall invariably be done by the Zonal Railways,/Div./RPSF BNs within a month and report in this regard be sent to Board's office with information to Central Armoury.

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action :-

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- 2) IG-cum- Chief Security Commissioner/RPSF, Force Head Quarter, Dayabasti, Delhi
- 3) Director/JR/RPF Academy Lucknow & RPF/Trg. Center Maula-Ali.
- 4) All officers, Security Directorate Railway Board.
- 5) All Branches, Security Directorate Railway Board.