

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

In exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 28 of the RPF Rules 1987 read with section 8 of the RPF Act 1957 (as amended from time to time), Director General, Railway Protection Force hereby issues the following Directive to revise Standing Order 88:

DIRECTIVE 31

Sub. CORE/NON-CORE AREAS OF RAILWAY SECURITY-GUIDELINES THEREOF

1. Background :

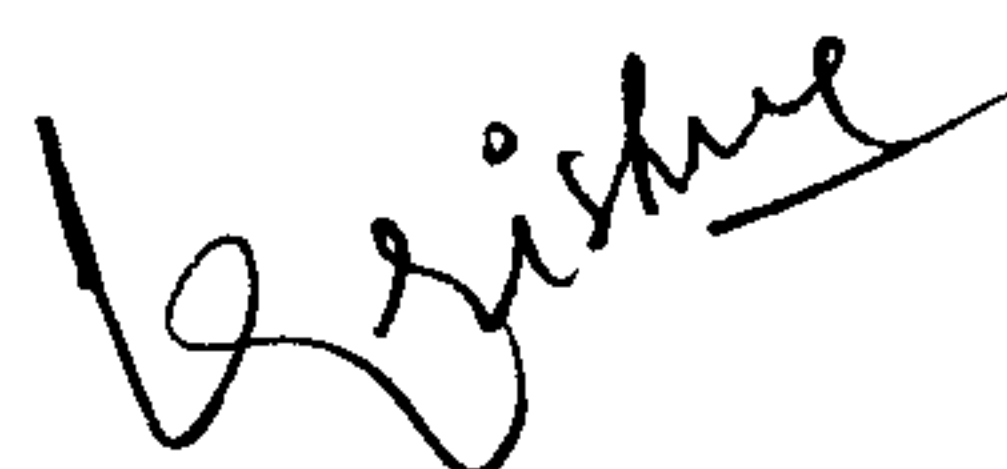
1.1 With amendments in the RPF Act and The Railways Act 1989, the role and responsibility of RPF have undergone a paradigm shift. In addition to the traditional responsibility of security of railway property, RPF is getting increasingly involved in the security of passengers and passenger areas. In the existing internal security scenario and vulnerability of the railway system, RPF have to evolve itself to be capable enough to discharge the duties entrusted to the Force.

1.2 There is tremendous burden on the personnel of the Force and it is felt desirable to identify 'non-core areas' of Railway Security, which may be handed over to outside agencies, so that RPF can utilise available resources to the best possible extent for the 'core areas' of Railway Security, which cannot be handed over to any non-government agency.

1.3 The issues regarding 'core areas' and 'non-core areas' of Railway Security were further discussed during the Board meeting, held on 31.12.2012 at Railway Board and the following decisions were taken :

"Board decided that primary responsibility of security including in the areas to be outsourced shall remain with RPF. The funds needed for out-sourcing security in identified areas shall be arranged from the Security Department's grant in Revenue Budget.

Board decided that there is a need to revisit Standing Order No. 88 issued vide letter no. 2003/Sec(E)/PO-2/5, dated 15.05.09 earlier. A Committee consisting of EDME(W), ED/FE, EDCE(G), ED/PM, EDRC(C) and IG/Admn. (as Convenor) is nominated to review the above Standing Order and recommend the non-core areas for outsourcing."



1.4 The six member committee deliberated upon the issues of Core areas & Non-Core areas of Railway Security and gave its recommendations. Based on recommendations of the committee, provisions of Standing Order 88 have been revised as under:

2. Core Areas of Railway Security :

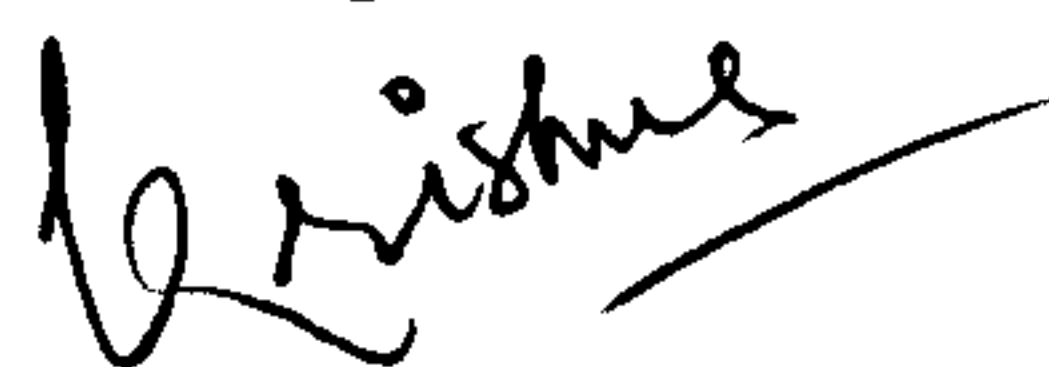
2.1 Being important to railway working and intrinsically connected to protection of railway property & security of Workshops, security of following areas shall continue to be ensured by the RPF and would have sanctioned RPF strength for security of these installations –

- (i) Passenger Area, as defined under the RPF Act.
- (ii) Protection of property in Open Line Depots / Sheds / Yards (e.g. C&W Depots) etc. as per the RPF Act.
- (iii) Protection of sensitive installation, like Diesel Fuelling Installations.
- (iv) Guarding duty at Cash Offices/disbursement of salary through cashiers.
- (v) Protection/witness duty at Scrap Yards.
- (vi) Workshop security.
- (vii) DRM/GM Residences.

3. Non-Core Areas of Railway Security :

3.1 Following areas have been identified as 'non-core areas' of Railway Security –

- (i) Railway Hospital
- (ii) Cycle/motor cycle stands (at other than railway stations)
- (iii) Railway Colony
- (iv) Railway Stadium
- (v) Other sports / recreational facilities
- (vi) RRB / RRC offices
- (vii) Administrative offices
- (viii) Deposit of station earning with banks (wherever banks agree to lift the cash from stations and arrangements are there).



- 3.2 In the absence of sanctioned RPF strength, security in areas which have been identified as non-core may be strengthened by engagement of private security.
- 3.3 However, CSCs may review and decide the areas which may be designated as non-core for the purpose of deployment of private security with due concurrences and approvals by General Managers at zonal level.

4. Deployment of Home Guards :

- 4.1 Deployment of Home Guards at station premises and circulating area may be considered to meet demand of extra security personnel to handle passenger rush during –
- (i) Summer season
 - (ii) Festival season
 - (iii) Rallies / Fairs
 - (iv) Recruitment Mela / Competitive Examination in nearby urban centers
 - (v) RRB/RRC Examination security duties
- 4.2 Deployment of Home Guards will be only for a specific period, as decided by the General Manager concerned.
- 4.3 Home Guards, when requisitioned and deployed on these duties, shall work under the command, control and supervision of RPF.

5. Methods for Engagement of Private Security Agency (PSA):

- 5.1 The responsibility for engagement of Private Security Agency for any of the identified 'non-core areas' shall remain with the Security Department at Zonal/Divisional level.
- 5.2 The Tender Committee to finalise the contract for hiring of Private Security Agency shall comprise of –
- (i) Officer of the department under whose administrative control the identified 'non-core area' (where security is to be outsourced) falls
 - (ii) Officer from Security Department
 - (iii) Officer from Finance Department

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5.3 The contracts for engagement of Private Security Agency shall be dealt as per provisions of "IR's General Conditions of Contract(GCC) for Works Matters" with supplementation of Special Conditions of Contract, as considered necessary by the tender inviting authority. Few special conditions may be -

- (i) The agency shall preferably deploy the Ex-Servicemen below the age of 55 years for Railway Security duty.
- (ii) The agency must have a valid license under Section 4 of the Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005 to undertake the district in which the Railway Establishment, to be secured, is located.
- (iii) The Private Security Personnel provided to the Railway should be physically fit, smart and free from any physical disability.
- (iv) The agency shall have a proper system of recruitment, C&A verification of their staff, a distinct uniform and proper ID cards.
- (v) The Private Security Guards, to be deployed, shall be imparted one week duration orientation course by RPF before they are deployed on Railway Security duty. The Guards shall, however, not be treated as having performed duty for Railways during the period of training.
- (vi) The expenditure on remuneration etc. of these Guards during the period of training, shall be borne by the concerned Private Security Agency (PSA).

6. Controlling Authority :

6.1 Execution and operation of the contract for hiring of private security shall be ensured by Security Department.

7. Budget for Outsourcing of Security:

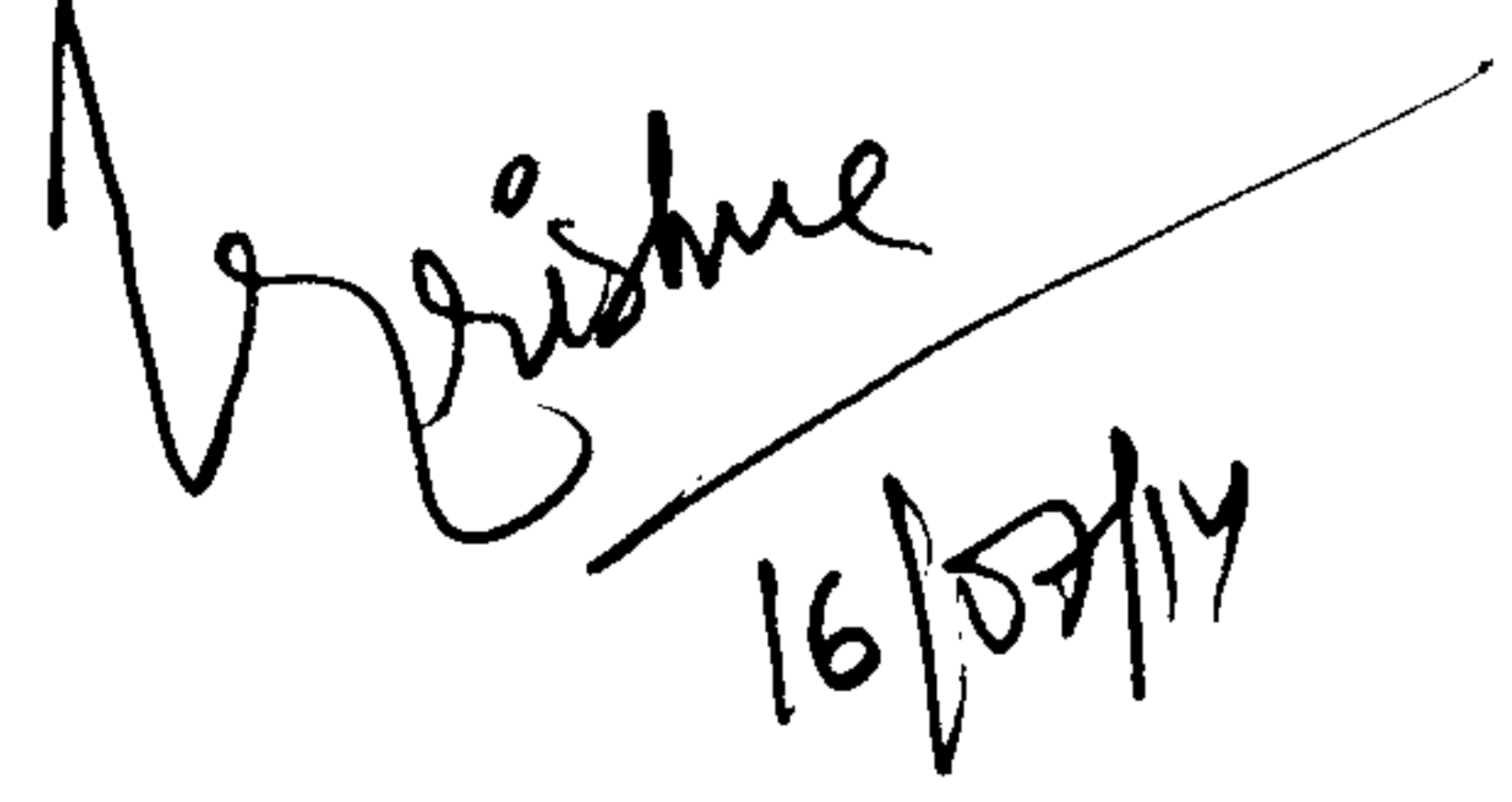
7.1 Funds required for outsourcing of security in identified areas shall be arranged from the Security Department's grant in Revenue Budget and needful shall be done in time by the concerned departments with inputs to Security Department.



Standing Order 88 issued vide letter no. 2003/Sec(E)/PO-2/5, dated May, 2009, stands revised accordingly.

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