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(RAILWAY BOARD)

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Chief Security Commissioners  
All Indian Railways

Chief Security Commissioner  
R.P.S.F  
Railway Board

STANDING ORDER NO. 25

Sub: Provision of appropriate weaponry to the Force - ensuring proper maintenance, security and utilisation - laying down of scales and weapons to be issued for various duties.

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1. The question of deciding the appropriate weaponry for RPF and RPSF was under examination. After studying the report of the Committee set up for this purpose and discussion with the CSCs during the Conference in April 1997, it has been decided that:

- a) The old and obsolete weapons like muskets and P-14 Rifles should be withdrawn and replaced with Pistols/ Carbines/ SLRs in a phased manner.
- b) The staff put on duty in crowded / confined areas, on the passenger train duties, cash escorting duties etc. should be provided with Pistols and Carbines.
- c) Where RPSF parties are deployed, for each section at least two SLRs should be provided as back-up weapons.
- d) The replacements should be done in the next 3 years.

- c) Till the full complement of pistols and carbines are inducted, rifles will continue to be used.
- f) Future induction of rifles (SLRs) should be kept to the minimum so that more numbers of pistols / carbines can be inducted.
- ✓ g) Training will be arranged for Constables to Hd. Constables in pistols / revolvers and carbines also where it is not already done by the respective CSCs/ Commandants.
- ✓ h) All drivers also will be trained in pistols.
- i) A detailed proposal for procurement of these weapons during the IX Plan Period starting from the Financial Year 1997-98 will be put before the Board for approval.
- j) The number of magazines procured for pistols will be increased from two to three so that adequate number of spare ammunition could be carried.
- k) The number of ammunition authorised for issue with pistols/revolvers will be increased to 30.
- l) Suitable pouches / accessories will be procured for issue with pistols / revolvers, Carbines and SLRs to enable personnel to carry the spare magazines and / or spare ammunition.
- m) All actions commensurate with the above will be taken.

2. In pursuance of the decisions taken during the Conference, the following guidelines are issued.

2.1 Scale of Weapons Authorisation:

The authorisation of weapons for the ranks of Constables to Hd. Constables is modified for RPSF and RPF as follows:-

✓ For R.P.S.F

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ASI & above - Pistols ( no change )  
Head Const. - 50% Carbines 50% Pistols  
(instead of stens & rifles)  
Naiks - 75% Carbines 25% Pistols  
( instead of rifles )  
Const. - 50% SLRs/ B.A 7.62mm  
( no change )  
- 25% Carbines  
(instead of rifles )  
- 25% Pistols  
(instead of rifles )  
Drivers - Pistols  
( no change )

✓ For Zonal R.P.F

ASI and above --- Pistols/ revolvers  
( no change )  
Const. to HC }--- 25% Rifles (.303"/ Bolt  
} Action 7.62mm/ SLRs)  
( no change )  
(Out of total }  
weapons autho-}--- 25% Carbines / Stens 9 mm  
rised for the} (instead of rifles )  
zone) }  
}--- 50% Pistols / Revolvers  
(instead of rifles )

2.2 Percentage of Weapons Authorisation:

The percentage of weapons authorised for the Zonal Railways and RPSF will continue to be at the present rates which are as follows:-

CR	-	40%
ER	-	65%
NR	-	50%
NER	-	60%
NFR	-	40%
SR	-	40%
SCR	-	40%
SER	-	50%
WR	-	40%
RPSF	-	100%

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3. Since compact, effective and semi/fully automatic weapons are being inducted, they have to be properly maintained, secured & utilised. The following should be ensured:

### 3.1 TRAINING

✓ a) Adequate nos. of Carbinès 9 mm and Pistols/ Revolvers will be issued to the training centres immediately to facilitate training of Constables to Hd. Constables. SLRs will be issued to J.R./ RPF Academy for training SI Cadets, ASC Probationers and other trainees and to 2 Bn. RPSF to train all RPSF trainees.

✓ b) All Constables to Head Const. not trained in Pistols and Revolvers should be put through 2 weeks' intensive training including Range Firing in use and maintenance of Pistols and Revolvers.

✓ c) All future Basic, Refresher and Promotion Courses should have training in Pistols, Revolvers and Carbines.

d) Extra ammunition for training and firing practice will be issued to the training centres.

e) Old DPBF and DP weapons which are unserviceable may be replaced with modified Muskets fitted with Magazines. As Muskets are converted Rifles No.1 and the chamber profile is same, all training imparted on Rifles .303" can be imparted with modified Muskets. This may be done to the extent feasible to make optimum utilisation of Muskets in good condition.

f) Range firing tests should be held well before the written tests to have time to impart training in after-firing maintenance.

3.2 Procurements & Indents:

a) Future indents should be projected to meet the scale of weapons shown above. Carbines and Pistols will be given preference over SLRs.

b) Adequate ammunition, spare parts, gauges, side arms, pouches, web equipment/ accessories should be procured and issued to personnel.

c) Maintenance materials for weapons should be of good quality. As the annual requirement of a Zone is of low value to attract good quality supplies, the maintenance materials (pull-through, weights, flannellete, wire-gauze, cleaning rods, tools, special tools, rifle oil etc.) should be centrally procured by CS&A, 6Bn / DBSI for the entire Force. CSCs will project their annual requirements to OIC / CS&A who will arrange procurement and distribution to the Zonal Rlys on debit vouchers. Rifle oil in drums may be arranged to be delivered direct to the Zonal Rlys. at their Hqs./ location of Central Stores/ Armoury by the supplier to avoid double transportation.

3.3 Kote & Security:

a) As the weapons are light weight and compact, it will attract extremists and criminals. Adequate Armoury facilities should be ensured at all Posts and Out- Posts to safeguard the weapons.

b) Compact, pre-fabricated, steel weapon-racks with locking facilities, with lockable ammunition box where required, should be got installed for effective safety to weapons and ammunition.

c) In addition, one Sentry round the clock should be ensured to safe guard the weapons wherever stored.

3.4 User Maintenance:

a) As the weapons are semi-automatic and automatic, maintenance should be of the highest order. Regular maintenance should be ensured at the user level.

b) Daily, Weekly, Monthly and Season Maintenance by the Users should be ensured and monitored. Inspectors should

scrutinise the Maintenance Registers weekly and ensure proper up-keep of weapons.

c) Post/ Out-Post in-charges should ensure that weapons are got cleaned, laid out, lists of weapons prepared and all other admn. facilities are extended to the Armourers during Quarterly Inspections. Assistance should be provided for repairs carried out by the Armourers.

### 3.5 Armourers & Workshops:

a) Armourer Workshops should be properly equipped and located within or near the armouries.

b) Quarterly Inspection by the Zonal/ Bn. armourers should be ensured.

c) Armourers should be sent out to all the Posts and Out-Posts where weapons are stored.

d) Armourers should not be put on routine duties in Kotes for issue and return of weapons, amm. etc. unless the Quarterly Inspections are completed.

### 3.6 Inspection Reports & Action:

a) The Inspection Reports of the Armourers should be scrutinised by the DIG/ Addl.CSC/ Dy.CSC of the Zonal Rly.s and RPSF and appropriate action taken. Where there is negligence/ undue wear/ damage of weapons, CSCs should be appraised.

b) Weapons should be sent for repairs/ overhaul/ phosphating as per schedule intimated to Central Arms Repair Shop/ Dahod, with adequate no.s of Armourers and helpers.

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