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**Sub: Guidelines for escorting of arms & ammunitions by RPF/RPSF
being transited.**

In the course of examining the cases seeking deployment of strength of armed RPF/RPSF personnel for transporting arms & ammunition (A&A), it was observed that standard guidelines in RPF/RPSF for providing strength of escort component for A&A being transited are not available.

Arms and ammunition of security forces have always been an attraction for the anti-national and anti-social elements to give shape to their nefarious activities. This makes A&A as well as the security personnel (RPF/RPSF in this case) susceptible to attack by the anti-national/criminal elements during transit of A&A.

In prevailing security scenario, it is important to provide foolproof security to arms and ammunition. In order to protect arms, ammunition and other explosives and preventing these from falling in the hands of undesirable and unscrupulous elements, it is extremely essential that during transit of arms & ammunition, appropriate component of armed escort with adequate number of personnel may be provided. Necessary care needs to be exercised during transport of arms & ammunition by the officers and Jawans of RPF / RPSF as loss / snatching of A&A not only causes loss of life/injury to force personnel during the incident, but these A/A also become potential danger when they land in the hands of anti-social and insurgent elements. Such incidents also result in loss of image of RPF.

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A) Factors for security of A&A: It is required that the adequately armed Escort party with prescribed strength may be deployed as per the prevailing security scenario, duly considering the national threat perception and local vulnerability analysis. The threat avoidance and countering the same, extent of vulnerability, level of security required, quantity of A&A being transported, method of dispatch (rail, road, etc.), law & order situation in stations/region, legacy issues regarding security in the region through which the train or vehicle passes, etc. may be the key determinants for deployment of escort.

B) Communication regarding movement of A&A and Escort parties: In respect of communication / correspondence about the deployment and movement of Escort parties, their strength, arms & ammunition being carried by them may be done through confidential / secret correspondence.

C) Role of Central Armoury: Central Armoury unit at Dayabasti is a Nodal Wing for Railway Protection Force (Rule 10 of RPF Rules, 1987) for procurement and distribution of arms & ammunition for the use of troops in RPF in Zonal Railways and RPSF. These arms & ammunition are brought to Central Armoury from various Ordnance Factories in India, mostly through rail transport. At times, the form of transport is hybrid involving rail and road transports. Necessary deployment of armed security personnel is needed to be done accordingly.

D) Inter Zonal & Inter Divisional movement: Movement of arms & ammunition takes place through routes cutting across various Zones. Similarly, such movement may take place from one Division to another or from Training centre to Divisional headquarters or vice-versa, within Zone. Also, the movement of arms & ammunition takes place during Annual Range Classification firing in the Divisions / Battalions. Besides above, there is movement of arms & ammunition for the trainees who undergo training / firing exercises at JR RPF Academy, Zonal Training Centres or Training centres/Firing Ranges of Army, Civil Police or CAPFs.

There is no short-cut to security and all instructions in the book need to be executed to the very detail for ensuring that the arms & ammunition being carried are safely ferried to the destination. To accomplish this, it is expected that the Officers and Jawans should follow the guidelines in letter and spirit and therefore, it is reiterated that, the members of Escort party should be briefed and de-briefed by the unit in-charges and in-charges of Escort parties.

As such, the broad guidelines which may be followed are as under:

E. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

In supersession of all previous instructions on the subject, the following instructions are issued for strict compliance:

- i. One officer (IPF or above) of 6BN/RPSF/DBSI, who will be nominated by Sr. CO/6BN/RPSF, will report to GM/ Ordnance Factory concerned, in advance, with following relevant papers:

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