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STANDING ORDER NO. 23

STANDING ORDER REGARDING ESCORT GUARD FOR CASH,
COLLECTION OF ARMS & AMMUNITION, TEAR SMOKE MUNITION.

Chandigarh police had, since long been sharing the responsibility of escorting huge amount of cash and also Arms and ammunition on interstate level. It is almost a permanent feature to provide escort guard to various Banks for transporting cash from Chandigarh to other states. Following are the main modes of transport employed by the Banks:-

1. By Train.
2. By Road.
3. By Air (In exceptional cases).

It is a very important duty, which requires utmost alertness. It has become even more important due to rising cult of terrorism.

Now much larger amount is involved than the amount which used to be escorted about a decade ago and hence the higher risk.

The amount usually transported is so big that all the calculations, to draw any relation between the amount involved and the force required is very difficult. So instead of supporting the idea of a larger force, attention has to be paid towards the efficiency based working. If well motivated and well trained force is deployed, better results can be achieved from even smaller contingents. The greater need, therefore, is to ensure effective measures to guard the cash and other items like arms & ammunition and tear smoke munitions against falling into the hand of undesirable anti-social elements. Therefore, while working out the scales

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for the escorts guards, the following scales for the escorts guard for outside commands and local commands will be provided:-

INTERSTATE COMMANDS (BY TRAIN)	Insp.	NGO	HC	Cs.
Cash upto 1 crores	-	-	1	5
Cash between 1 to 10 crores	-	1	2	8
Cash above 10 crores	1	1	2	12

Note:- For every additional wagon load the strength of the escort will be increased by 1 HC and 4 Constables.

BY BUS	Insp.	NGO	HC	Cs.
Cash upto 1 crores	-	-	1	5
Cash between 1 to 10 crores	-	1	2	8
Cash above 10 crores	1	1	2	12

Note:- In case the escort has to pass through the high security zones the strength of the escort will go up by one HC and 4 Constables who will travel in a separate vehicle providing a cover to the main escort party.

BY AIR :- While sending escorts/guards by air the guard has to be somewhat limited in strength as accommodation problems in that particular flight may occur. Hence a standard guard of one Upper Subordinate 1 HC and 3 Constables will normally be sent for such duties.

LOCAL COMMAND: -

	Insp.	NGO	HC	Cs.
Cash upto 1 crore	-	-	1	5
Cash below 10 crores	-	1	2	8
Cash above 10 crores	1	1	2	12

ESCORT FOR ARMS AND AMMUNITION:

Consignment containing upto (By train) 1,00,000 rounds of ammunition or 300 rifles not exceeding one wagon load.	-	-	1	5
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Note:- If the journey i.e. to be undertaken by road, the strength of the escort may go upto

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For every additional wagon load the strength of the escort will be increased by 1 HC and 3 Constable. In case of two wagon load or more the escort will be supervised by the Insp.

ESCORT FOR GAS EQUIPMENTS/ MUNITIONS:-

For one wagon load the strength of the escort will be

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For every additional wagon load the strength of the escort will go up by 1 HC and 3 Constable.

Note:- If the journey is to be undertaken by road the strength of the escort guard may go upto

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The escort commander shall have one copy of the issue voucher together with the other documents. Both sides of the wagon will be locked in the presence of the guard commander and Railway Representatives. The seal of the Bank Officials shall be affixed on the locks and the same will remain with the Guard Commander.

The guard commander shall be responsible for not allowing the wagon/wagons to be opened before its destination save in the case of any break down or transshipment. In that case every thing will be done in the presence of the guard commander with the guard at full alert. On arrival of the destination the guard commander shall obtain a receipt from the authority responsible to receive the consignment and then handover the consignment properly.

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The escort party will be accommodated in a break van attached to the wagons carrying the consignment. The doors of the compartment carrying the guard should never be locked.

Guard commander should be equipped with all the necessary items like torches and spare locks etc. The escort should have adequate amount of food and other necessary material of daily use so as to avoid its members going for such things away from their duty.

During unscheduled long stoppages the guard commander shall put prowlers on each side of the wagon. On each normal halt the guard commander shall check the seal and locks of the wagons. In case the guard commander finds any seal broken or tampered with it will be his duty to insist on the wagon being opened and number of boxes being counted in the presence of responsible officers of Railway. This fact should find mention somewhere in the official record of the Railway and the signatures of the officer joining such process should be obtained.

The guard commander should be alert against fire. Railway Authority shall provide portable fire fighting equipments near the wagon carrying the consignments.

In case the wagon is detached for unavoidable reasons the guard commander shall insist for other wagons to be detached to avoid complete isolating. In case it is not possible the guard commander shall put adequate number of men to guard the wagon till it is re-linked with the main train.

When the consignment is being carried in an unsealed wagon/compartment the sentry/sentries shall invariably be in the same


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wagon/compartment. The wagon carrying the cash/arms ammunition should always be ahead of the wagon in which guards are traveling so that it cannot be disconnected from the main train without the knowledge of the escort guard.

In case the consignment is being carried by road the sentry/sentries shall be in the same vehicle. The guard commander shall be responsible for not allowing the consignment to be opened before its destination. On arrival at the destination the guard commander shall obtain a receipt from authority responsible to receive the consignment and then handover the consignment properly.

If the arms and ammunition arrive at night, the unloading should be deferred till morning. The guard commander should put sentries on either side of the wagon/vehicles.

DSP/Lines shall be the overall incharge of the arrangements for providing escort guards for transporting of cash, arms and tear smock munitions.


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