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STANDING ORDER No.46

All the Chief Security Commissioners/RPF.

All the General Managers, Indian Railways

**Sub: CELEBRATION OF RPF RAISING DAY IN DELHI, ZONAL AND DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.**

RPF Raising Day is being celebrated every year on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, the day on which the Force was given the status of Armed Force of the Union through an Act of Parliament. Raising Day of any Force is one of the most prestigious celebrations, as it highlights the performance, morale, discipline, effectiveness and overall status of the Force amongst similar Forces. It is, therefore, necessary to celebrate RPF Raising Day in a befitting manner centrally at Delhi as well as at the Zonal and Divisional Headquarters without exception. The items to be included in the Raising Day celebrations and the sequence to be followed in the Parade are specified hereunder so that various Zonal Railways can practice well in advance and are able to put up an impressive show.

2. **Parade** : Raising Day Parade will be organised at RPSF Lines, Dayabasti, Delhi, centrally as is being done at present. The schedule to be followed at this Parade is given as Annexure 'A'. Besides, Raising Day Parades will also be held at the Zonal and Divisional Headquarters. Annexure 'A' may be taken as guideline by the Zonal Railway to organize their Parade with necessary local changes.

The following sequence will be followed in the Parade :-

- Arrival of Chief Guest at Saluting Base.
- General Salute and report to Chief Guest by Parade Commander.

- Inspection of Parade by the Chief Guest.
- March Past by Parade in Slow Time
- Again March Past in Quick Time.
- Review Order and General Salute.
- Presentation of Medals by Chief Guest.
- Address by the Chief Guest.
- General Salute by Parade and March off. (Display of PT/Tattoo/Unarmed combat by RPF personnel or by their children could be arranged while tea is served after the Parade).

Investiture Ceremony : Gallantry Medals, President's Police Medal for distinguished services, Police Medal for meritorious services and Fire Service Medals will be presented at the Raising Day Parade at New Delhi. The DG's Insignia will be presented at the Raising Day Parade organized by the Zonal Railways.

3. The following steps will be taken to make the Raising Day a success :-
- (i) Preparation for the Raising Day should be started 8 weeks in advance, so that there is no last minute rushing up. Supply of Uniforms to RPF personnel for the year should be got completed well before the Raising Day.
  - (ii) All the RPF buildings should be white washed and spruced up before the Raising Day celebrations.
  - (iii) Raising Day celebrations could go on for 2-3 days after the Raising Day Parade.
  - (iv) Retired personnel of all ranks, residing in the city where the Parade is held, should be invited. Widows and dependants of deceased RPF personnel should be invited.
  - (v) Welfare Exhibition should be organised.
  - (vi) New initiatives to help the travelling public should be started. For assessing the needs of the public for this purpose, 'Public Opinion Survey' should be

conducted in which the passengers may be interviewed at Railway Stations and in running trains. It would help in better planning of new initiatives.

- (vii) Modernisation programmes should be got inaugurated so that they get proper publicity and importance.
- (viii) Seminars should be organised at Zonal / Divisional level, in which Non-gazetted officers should also participate. In these seminars, performance of RPF and methods for bringing out improvement in our working should be discussed. Debates / Seminars should be organised in which GRP, Local Police and commercial staff should be invited to participate.
- (ix) Postal cover cancellation on RPF theme should be arranged.
- (x) Bara Khana followed by Cultural Show should be organised.
- (xi) Arrangements should be made for giving wide publicity to the Raising Day Parade at Central Level as well as Zonal / Divisional level. Newspaper and Electronic media should be invited to cover the function. The CSC and DSC should hold Press Conferences. News handouts alongwith photographs should be given in the Press Conference. Newspaper advertisements should also be given through CPR at the Zonal level and through DPR at the Central level.

Separate budget allocation should be got done from GMs and DRMs for meeting the expenditure on Raising Day.

4. The above guidelines are indicative and not exhaustive. - CSCs/DSCs are free to include other suitable items keeping in view the peculiarities of their areas.

5. The Hindi version of the Standing Order will follow. The SO should be got translated into the regional languages and supplied to the Posts / Outposts for display on the Notice Boards. The RPF personnel should also be briefed on the contents of this SO during Roll Call / Parades.

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Encl : Annexure 'A'

**RPF RAISING DAY & INVESTITUTE PARADE  
FIXED DATE – 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER EVERY YEAR**

TIME	PROGRAMME
07.25 Hrs.	Parade inside Fort with 2-I/C.
07.35 Hrs.	Parade fall-in on Base Line in front of Fort by 2-I/C.
07.40 Hrs.	Parade Commander on Parade Ground, General Salute and handover of Parade by 2-I/C.
07.45 Hrs.	IG/RPSF arrival and General Salute by Parade.
07.50 Hrs.	DG/RPF arrival and General Salute by Parade.
07.58 Hrs.	Bugle Call/VLP fire signal to alert Parade. Piloting of Chief Guest from Battalion Gate by Horse Party to Parade Ground and introduction by DG/RPF to CSCs and other VIPs.
08.00 Hrs.	Arrival of Chief Guest at Saluting Base.
08.02 Hrs.	General Salute and report to Chief Guest by Parade Commander.
08.03 Hrs.	Inspection of Parade.
08.08 Hrs.	March Past by Parade in Slow Time, again March Past in Quick Time, to Review Order and General Salute.
08.23 Hrs.	(Commentary by Commentator about the origin of the Force, its contribution to Nation particularly Railways, Platoons of different Railways etc.)
08.24 Hrs.	Welcome address by DG/RPF.
08.32 Hrs.	Release of Special Cover of RPF by Chief Guest.
08.35 Hrs.	to Medal Presentation by Chief Guest.
09.05 Hrs.	
09.06 Hrs.	Addressed by the Chief Guest.
09.30 Hrs.	General Salute by Parade and permission from Chief Guest for dispersal of Parade. End of Function with Tea & Snacks.

**ORDER OF PLATOONS :**

S.No.	Name of Platoon	Platoon Commander
1.	RPSF (Railway Protection Special Force)	Commandant / Asst. Comdt.
2.	CR (Central Railway)	DSC / ASC
3.	ER (Eastern Railway)	- do-
4.	NER (North Eastern Railway)	- do-
5.	NFR (Northeast Frontier Railway)	-do-
6.	NR (Northern Railway)	-do-
7.	SCR (South Central Railway)	-do-
8.	SER (South East`ern Railway)	-do-
9.	SR (Southern Railway)	-do-
10.	WR (Western Railway)	-do-
11.	Dog Squad	Inspector Dog Squad

*Note : One of the Zonal Railways will depute a Women's Platoon (by rotation) every year.*

**FALL IN POSITION :**

(a) *Parade :*

- On base line in front of Fort.
- 3 Steps gap between two platoons from Platoon Nos.1 to 6 & 7 to 11.
- 5 Steps gap between platoon 6 & 7 (2 ½ steps from centre line)

(b) *Platoon Commanders (DSC/ASC) :*

- In front of his Platoon's middle file of the Platoon.
- 3 Steps ahead of base line.

(c) *2<sup>nd</sup>-in-Command (2-I/C – Dy.CSC) :*

- On Centre line (middle of Parade)
- 10 Steps ahead from base line.

(d) *Parade Commander (DIG/CSC) :*

- On Centre line.
- 20 Steps ahead from base line.

(e) *Band :*

- 5 Steps behind from rear line on the Centre line.

I. *Fort :*

- 3 Buglers
- 2 Sentries on left and 2 Sentries on right side of Buglers at centre place.
- 4 Sentries on left and 3 Sentries on right side on the Fort's wall.

II. *Flags :*

- National Flag at Saluting Base.
- All Railways / RPSF Flags on the Fort.
- 3x2 size (3 in 1) Flags on four corners of ground.
- 3x2 size 3 Flags on either side of Saluting Base at a distance of 0.5 & 10 Steps from Saluting Base Corner.
- Ground Flags.

III. *Platoon Boards :*

Platoon Visual Boards indicating Railways put on Base Line – ½ step away on right Guide of each Platoon.