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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
RAILWAY BOARD

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**STANDING ORDER No. 35**

All the Chief Security Commissioners/RPF.

All the General Managers, Indian Railways

**Sub: USE OF CAMERAS BY RPF PERSONNEL**

Photography, still as well as video, is one of the most powerful tools and is being widely used world over for prevention and detection of crime as well as for ensuring better safety and security of property. However, we in RPF are not using this important scientific tool for better performance of our duties. As a part of the modernisation programme of RPF, CSCs should make arrangements to provide one snap-shot auto-focus camera with built-in flash to each RPF Post. Besides, compact video cameras are to be purchased for use at Divisional and Zonal levels.

2. Use of cameras by the Posts : All the criminals arrested under the RP (UP) Act should be photographed. Two photographs of each criminal - one front pose and one side pose be taken. These photographs will be needed for preparing the Dossiers of such criminals as provided in S.O.No.30. Photograph of the offenders arrested under certain specified sections of the Railway Act as given in the S.O.No. 31 should also be taken. In respect of S.O.No.31, only front pose photograph is to be taken. Extra copies of the photographs of criminals of both categories mentioned above should be got printed in Postcard size for being displayed in the Rogue's Gallery at the Railway station.

3. Video Cameras at the Divisional and Zonal Head Quarters: These cameras will be used for videography of accident sites, scenes of sabotage, important law and order situations affecting Railways. The photograph/video tapes could also be given to police

for being used as evidence in their cases. The video cameras should also record drives against ACP/HPP, ticketless travelling and joint action against undesirable elements. Important RPF functions and training activities of the Zonal Training Centres should also be covered for being used as training aid.

4. Photographs of important law and order situations affecting railway operations, and also of drives mentioned at para 3 above, should be taken on Ektachrome / Kodachrome films and slides should be got prepared. These slides will be used for recording / training / presentation purposes. CSCs should also purchase slide projectors for proper utilisation of these slides.

5. It should also be ensured that film rolls (negative and slide film) are given to the Posts whenever necessary. Arrangements for settling of bills for developing and printing of photographs should be made so that cameras are fully utilised. CSCs should fix a system for all the above requirements.

6. Since cameras are expensive and sensitive equipment, special care should be taken by the I/C Post, DSCs and CSCs for their maintenance, upkeep and safe custody.

7. The negatives of the photographs should be properly labelled, catalogued and kept in a systematic manner, as they might be needed as evidence in some of the cases under trial.

8. CSCs will arrange to get some RPF personnel trained in handling video cameras so that these could be operated in a professional manner.

9. 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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