

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
MEGHALAYA ★★★ SHILLONG

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Subject: **Reorganization of Battalions**

It is observed that the effective strength of the service platoons has been drastically curtailed due to the attachment of Battalion personnel of all ranks on miscellaneous duties. Further, there is no uniformity among Battalions with regard to various issues outlined below. Commandants of Battalions are, therefore, directed to review the deployment of their personnel and ensure compliance of the following directions:

1. All JCOs, NCOs and Battalion Constables should invariably be posted to a particular platoon under a particular Company. Currently, there are instances where the personnel know the Battalion they belong to, but have no clue as to the Company/Platoon they belong to. The posting to a particular Company/Platoon should normally not be changed, until and unless the Battalion personnel is transferred out of the unit.
2. There shall be 18 (eighteen) service platoons in every Battalion with the following strength: (a) ABSI – 1; Hav – 4; Nk – 1; L/Nk – 3; BnC – 24; Followers – 3. In the case of IR Battalions the strength of NCOs should be Hav – 6, as there are no Nk and L/Nk sanctioned. Platoons/Sections should be deployed along with JCOs/NCOs and a guide from the local police.
3. With the remaining personnel, in the case of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, two additional platoons will be constituted. Similarly, for the IR Battalions, one additional platoon will be constituted. These platoons will be designated as DGP's Reserve Platoons, which will be deployed at the discretion and approval of the DGP. The remaining Battalion personnel could, thereafter, be utilized for miscellaneous duties or on attachments elsewhere. However, during emergencies, these personnel could also be drafted for law & order duties, etc.
4. The women BnCs should be grouped together to form a separate platoon under male/female JCOs/NCOs. The present practice of attaching them to different platoons with their male counterparts should be discontinued as they would then not be in a position to effectively operate as a composite

unit against women during riot control situations. In the event that the Battalion cannot create a platoon of women BnCs, Commandants should recommend for their transfer to other Battalions. The women BnCs could, however, also be utilized for patrolling and manning nakas, etc.

5. The Band Platoons should normally not be detailed for law & order duties, except in extreme emergencies and under approval of PHQ. The Band Platoons should, instead improve their skills to give a better account of themselves during State/Public/Unit functions.

6. Every unit should endeavour to create a Football team, which should be allowed to participate in local tournaments. Other disciplines, such as Volleyball, archery, shooting, athletics, etc should also be encouraged, as these are part of the All India Police Championships held under the auspices of the All India Police Sports Control Board. Currently, Meghalaya Police is not participating in many of the All India Police Championships, except in Football.

7. The practice of employing young, able-bodied Battalion personnel for orderly duties should be discouraged and they should be sent to the platoons deployed in the field. The same yardstick should be applied for personnel posted at the Commandant's office, Police Canteens, RP duties, etc.

8. There is a tendency for Battalion constables to leave their places of posting without approval of the Competent Authority. Such tendencies should be discouraged and delinquent personnel dealt with departmentally to curb this undesirable practice. Keeping of motorcycles at places of posting should also be discouraged as it would serve as temptation to leave their place of posting on any minor pretext.

This exercise should be taken up by the respective Commandants in right earnest at the earliest and a compliance report along with the nominal roll of Battalion personnel in the Platoons should be sent to the undersigned by 12/09/2014 positively. Addl. DGP (TAP) and IG (TAP) will supervise the exercise to ensure strict compliance of the above directions.

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