

24. Command :

- 24.1** An officer of the Force appointed to command shall have the power of command over all officers, irrespective of their seniority, placed under his command.
- 24.2** In the contingency of an officer being unable to exercise the command, due to any reason, the command shall –
- (a)** devolve on the second-in-command, if one has been so appointed;
 - (b)** if no second-in-command has been appointed, it shall devolve on the officer who may be appointed to command by the immediate superior of the officer unable to exercise command, and
 - (c)** if no such officer has been so appointed, the command shall devolve on the senior most officer of the Force present.

CHAPTER-IV

POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

25. General powers and responsibilities of superior officers :

The superior officers of the Force shall exercise such administrative and disciplinary powers over the members of the Force placed under their command as are specified in Schedules II to IV and such other powers as are conferred on railway servants of equivalent rank by any rules relating to such servants and discharge such responsibilities as are specified in these rules or may be specified in any directions issued by the Central Government or the Director General in this behalf.

26. Responsibilities of the Director General connected with the security of the railways :

General :

26.1 The Director General shall-

- (a)** be responsible for providing better protection and security to railway property;
- (b)** advise the Central Government, the State Governments and the zonal railway administration on all matters connected with railway security and handle all references concerning Police including railway police received from State Governments or other Ministries of the Central Government;
- (c)** guide the Principal*Chief Security Commissioners in the protection and security of railway property and in combating crime against it;
- (d)** compile a monthly review on the performance of the Force in regard to its statutory duties and functions; and

***the word 'Principal' inserted vide GSR 140 (E), dated 2nd February, 2018**

- (e) do all such other acts as may be necessary or incidental to the discharge of his duties under the Act and the rules.

26.2 The Director General may take all such steps as he considers necessary for effectively discharging his responsibilities referred to in sub-rule (1) including steps by way of tours and inspections, supervision of cases, examination of records, calling for reports and issuing of instructions and directions and holding periodical conferences and co-ordination meetings with the superior officers of Police including railway police and Civil and Military administration and of the Force.

27. Administrative powers of the Director General :

27.1 The Director General shall –

- (a) exercise all executive and administrative powers in relation to the Force and its deployment;
- (b) arrange recruitment of Assistant Commandants and Sub-Inspectors against such posts in the Force which are reserved for being filled up by direct recruitment;
- (c) order posting, transfer including inter-zonal railway transfers and training of all superior officers and enrolled members of the Force;
- (d) select superior officers and enrolled members of the Force for specialized or advanced courses;
- (e) compile on an all India basis, a seniority list of all Sub-Inspectors (Executive) of Railway Protection Force, Sub-Inspectors (Executive) of Railway Protection Special Force, Inspectors (Executive) of Railway Protection Force and Railway Protection Special Force +and superior officers and maintain it up-to-date at his headquarters;
- (f) act as the appellate authority against the orders of a Principal*Chief Security Commissioner;
- (g) correspond with the State Governments and other Ministries of the Government of India for securing deputation of officers for appointment as superior officers of the Force.

27.2 Powers to constitute Departmental Committees: -

The Director General may-

- (a) constitute such Departmental Committees as may be necessary for efficient functioning of the Force and performance of its duties;

*the word 'Principal' inserted vide GSR 140 (E), dated 2nd February, 2018

+ clause (e) of sub-rule (1) of rule 27, amended vide GSR 500(E) dated 20th July, 2021.

- (b) constitute the Departmental Promotion Committees, preferably in the beginning of each years, for selections to the rank of Assistant Commandant and above and maintain an up-to-date gradation list and dossiers of confidential reports of such officers;
- (c) nominate the members of the Selection Board constituted under rule 49.1 for selecting direct recruits for the posts of Sub-Inspectors; and
- (d) nominate the members of the Selection Committee to select Sub-Inspectors for promotion to the rank of Inspectors on all zonal railways.

27.3 Powers to appoint Central Examination Committee:

- (a) The Director General shall appoint a Central Examination Committee as and when required, under the chairmanship of one of the Principal*Chief Security Commissioners, to conduct the final examination of Sub-Inspector cadets and of officers of higher rank undergoing training at any institution.
- (b) It shall be after his approval that the final examination results of such courses shall be declared.

28. Powers of the Director General to issue “Directives” :

The Director General may, from time to time, issue such directions, in the form of Directives, relating to the enforcement and furtherance of the provisions of the Act and these rules, as he may think necessary and the superior officers and enrolled members of the Force shall be governed by such “Directives” in the performance and discharge of their duties.

29. Powers of other superior officers to issue orders :

The Principal*Chief Security Commissioners at the headquarters of the Director General or on the zonal railway, the Divisional Security Commissioners and the Commanding Officer of the battalion may, in conformity with the provisions of the Act, the rules, the Directives and instructions of his superior officers, issue general or special orders to other superior officers and enrolled members of the Force under their command.

30. Magisterial powers :

30.1 All officers of the rank of Assistant Inspector General, Senior Commandant and Commandant of the Force, irrespective of their designation by virtue of their postings, who have rendered service for a period of not less than seven years as superior officers or combined service for a total period of not less than seven years as officers holding equivalent ranks in any Police service and as superior officers, shall exercise the powers of a –

- (a) Metropolitan Magistrate in relation to a metropolitan area;

***the word ‘Principal’ inserted vide GSR 140 (E), dated 2nd February, 2018**

- (b) Judicial Magistrate of the First Class in relation to any area outside a metropolitan area.

With respect to all or any of the matters specified in Part I of Schedule V;

- (c) Chief Judicial Magistrate or, as the case may be, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate with respect to all or any of the matters specified in Part II of Schedule V.

for the purposes of sub-section (3) of section 17:

Provided that the exercise of powers by the aforesaid officers with respect to any matter specified in Schedule V shall be without prejudice to the exercise of any powers by such officers as Metropolitan Magistrate, Judicial Magistrate of the First Class, Chief Judicial Magistrate or Chief Metropolitan Magistrate under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for the matters mentioned in sub-section (3) of section 17.

31. Superior officers to exercise all those powers which can be exercised by their subordinates :

31.1 For the purposes of sub-section (2) of section 4, a superior officer may exercise any such power or perform any such duty as is assigned by the Act, the rules or by a lawful order to any member subordinate to him.

31.2 In case, any duty is imposed on such subordinate, a superior officer may aid, supplement, supersede or prevent action of such subordinate by his own action or that of any person lawfully acting under his command or authority whenever the same shall appear necessary or expedient for giving a more complete or convenient effect to the law or for avoiding any infringement thereof.

32. Powers and functions of superior officers at the headquarters of the Director General :

32.1 Principal*Chief Security Commissioner (Administration).

32.1.1 The Principal*Chief Security Commissioner in charge of administration shall assist the Director General in looking after all the matters connected with the administration of the Force and shall attend to such other duties as may be entrusted to him by the Director General.

32.1.2 He may have under him one or more other superior officers to look after the following branches or such other branches as may be created by the Director General:-

- (i) Administration including recruitment, deputation, induction, training, placement, transfer, promotion, pay and allowances, budget, discipline, legal matters and data processing.

***the word 'Principal' inserted vide GSR 140 (E), dated 2nd February, 2018**

(ii) Planning and Development including manpower planning, career planning, appraisal of performance, job requirements, personnels' record and manuals, follow up action on inspection notes and publicity.

(iii) Welfare and Service including grievances, employee relations, housing, education, sports, medical, provident fund, pension and other retirement and post-retirement benefits, welfare scheme, funds, canteen and messes.

32.1.3 The Principal*Chief Security Commissioner in charge of administration shall be the ex-officio Member Secretary of the Railway Protection Force Staff Council constituted under sub-rule (3) of rule 111.

32.2 Principal*Chief Security Commissioner (Railway Security):

32.2.1 The Principal*Chief Security Commissioner incharge of railway security shall assist the Director-General in providing better protection and security to railway property and collection, collation and dissemination of crime and special intelligence affecting the security and functioning of the railways.

32.2.2 He shall-

(i) deal with logistics and transport for the Force, procurement and distribution of clothing, stores, fire prevention measures on railways;

(ii) assist his counterparts over the zonal railways in prevention and detection of crime and shall compile the monthly reviews on the performance of the Force in regard to its statutory duties and functions;

(iii) deal with all matters concerning the Police including the railway police as well as matters relating to security of railways referred to Director General by the State Governments or any other organization;

(iv) attend to such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Director General.

32.2.3 He may have under him a number of other superior officers and enrolled members of the Force as may be appointed from time to time to look after the railway security.

32.3 Principal*Chief Security Commissioner (Railway Protection Special Force)

32.3.1 The Principal*Chief Security Commissioner in charge of the Railway Protection Special Force shall be responsible.-

(i) to the Director General for efficiently maintaining the Railway Protection Special Force;

(ii) to ensure that a uniform standard of refresher training is imparted to all enrolled members of the Force in different battalions of the Force; and

***the word 'Principal' inserted vide GSR 140 (E), dated 2nd February, 2018**

- (iii) for procuring arms and ammunition for use by the Force and to exercise technical supervision over the arms workshops constituted under rule 11.

32.3.2 He shall undertake such other duties and discharge such other functions as may be assigned to him by the Director General.

32.3.3 He may have under him a number of other superior officers and enrolled members of the Force as may be appointed from time to time to look after the Railway Protection Special Force.

32.4 Other superior officers at the headquarters of the Director General:

All other superior officers posted at the headquarters of the Director General shall look after such branches or attend to such work as may be assigned to them by the Director General or by their respective Principal*Chief Security Commissioners.

33. Powers and responsibilities of Commanding Officers of Railway Protection Special Force battalion :

33.1 The Commanding Officer of a battalion shall be responsible for:-

- (a) the internal administration, economy, efficiency, morale, discipline, training and welfare of the members of the Force placed under his command;
- (b) safety and security of arms and ammunition and for ensuring its proper maintenance, repairs and cleaning thereof;
- (c) correct and proper maintenance of clothing, uniform and other stores of the battalion; and
- (d) making a physical check of all inventories atleast once a year.

33.2 When at headquarters, he shall attend morning parade and hold orderly rooms at least once a week and meet his men, as stipulated in rule 109, once a month.

33.3 He shall exercise powers as laid down in Schedule II to Schedule IV and under the extant Railway Rules and be guided by such instructions as may be issued to him from time to time and submit such returns and reports as may be prescribed by Principal*Chief Security Commissioner in charge of Railway Protection Special Force or the Director General.

34 Powers and responsibilities of other officers of the Railway Protection Special Force :

34.1 The powers and responsibilities of other superior officers of the Railway Protection Special Force shall be such as may be specified in the Directives.

*the word 'Principal' inserted vide GSR 140 (E), dated 2nd February, 2018

Powers and responsibilities of the Principal*Chief Security Commissioner of the zonal railway :

- 35.1** The Principal*Chief Security Commissioner shall be the head of the Security Organization of the zonal railway assigned to him and shall exercise such powers as are prescribed for the Heads of Departments under the extant Railway Rules.
- 35.2** Subject to the provisions contained in the Act, rules and the Directives, he shall exercise administrative, executive and operational control over all members of the Force placed under his command.
- 35.3** He shall deal with-
- (i)** all establishment and welfare matters pertaining to the Force and shall keep the Force at a high pitch of efficiency particularly through effective personnel and financial management and inspection of branches under his control;
 - (ii)** all matters referred by the Police including railway police or any other agency to the zonal railway concerning railway security.
- 35.4** He shall be responsible for providing in his jurisdiction better protection and security to railway property, and deal with all matters connected therewith and to perform inter-alia the following functions:-
- (i)** to arrange collection and dissemination of crime and special intelligence affecting the security and functioning of the railways, maintenance of statistics, records and files relating thereto;
 - (ii)** to devise ways and means reducing incidents of theft, pilferages, losses and shortages of booked consignments leading to claims for compensation and for combating crimes affecting railway property including railway revenue;
 - (iii)** to arrange thorough enquiries into cases of thefts of railway property or goods in transit or into cases of loss of railway revenue arising from misappropriation, evasion of wharfage and demurrage, cheating, etc. ;
 - (iv)** to maintain close liaison, on behalf of the railways, with the State Police including the railway police as well as the civil administration by holding meetings and conferences with his counterparts for ensuring better protection and security to the railway property;
 - (v)** to advise the General Manager on all matters relating to the better protection and security of railway property, fire prevention measures and security of existing railway installations, such as workshops, stores, sheds, tracks, yards, etc. and of the new assets which the zonal railway may be planning to acquire or build; and

*the word 'Principal' inserted vide GSR 140 (E), dated 2nd February, 2018

- (vi) to watch and monitor the progress of disciplinary action recommended by the Security Department against the delinquent railway servants.

36. Powers and responsibilities of Chief Security Commissioner⁺ or Deputy Chief Security Commissioner :

36.1 The Chief Security Commissioner⁺ or the Deputy Security Commissioner, as may be posted as Deputy Head of the Security Organization of the zonal railway, shall exercise all such financial, administrative and disciplinary powers as are delegated to him under these rules or through Directives or as provided for railway servants of corresponding rank under the extant Railway Rules.

36.2 He shall-

- (a) represent the Principal*Chief Security Commissioner concerned at all official meetings in his absence or when especially deputed for the purpose;
- (b) assist the Principal*Chief Security Commissioner concerned in discharge of his functions pertaining to protection and security of railway property and to combat crime against it, prosecution of criminals, maintenance of statistics, collection of crime intelligence-its collation and dissemination- enforcement of fire prevention measures, liaison with other railway departments etc.; and
- (c) perform the following other functions:-
 - (i) review the cases of losses, thefts, pilferages, shortages and mis-appropriation of railway property with a view to bringing down their incidence;
 - (ii) watch and study the trends of claims arising under clause (c)(i) and initiate appropriate measures for their prevention in conjunction with Claims Organization as well as with his counterparts on the other zonal railways;
 - (iii) scrutinize special report cases of crime and other important cases under the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1966 coming to Commissariat and issue instructions as considered necessary; and
 - (iv) organize and attend meetings and conferences with Police including railway police and other civil departments as directed by Principal*Chief Security Commissioner concerned to ensure better protection of railway property and take follow up action on the decisions taken therein.

36.3 He shall also :

- (i) look after the logistics, transport, procurement and distribution of arms, ammunition, clothing, stores, etc;

⁺ the word "Addl." removed vide GSR 140 (E), dated 2nd February, 2018

^{*}the word 'Principal' inserted vide GSR 140 (E), dated 2nd February, 2018

- (ii) ensure prompt and correct replies to all questions received from Parliament, Estimate Committee, Public Accounts Committee etc. pertaining to his zonal railway;
- (iii) be the incharge of the Zonal Security Control Room and shall monitor and take appropriate action on messages received by it;
- (iv) carry out inspections of the offices and units of the Force in the zonal railway as may be entrusted to him by the Principal*Chief Security Commissioner concerned and suggest ways and means for their better functioning; and
- (v) Conduct such enquiries and attend to such other duties as may be entrusted to him by Principal*Chief Security Commissioner concerned.

37. Powers and responsibilities of Staff Officer or Personal Assistant :

37.1 The Staff Officer or Personal Assistant shall assist the Principal*Chief Security Commissioner concerned in the discharge of the following functions:

- (a) Administration - including recruitments, deputation, training, placement, transfer, promotion, pay and allowances, budget, discipline, legal matters and data processing, reserve companies, band etc.;
- (b) Planning and Development - including manpower planning, career planning, appraisal of performance, job requirement, personnel's record and manuals, follow up action on inspection notes and publicity;
- (c) Welfare and Service- including grievances, employee relations, housing, education, sports, medical, provident fund, pension and other retirement and post retirement benefits, welfare schemes, funds, canteen and messes.

37.2 He shall also be responsible for:

- (a) organising periodical meetings required to be convened at the headquarter level;
- (b) maintaining liaison with other departments of the railway at headquarters; and
- (c) organising ceremonial parades, VIP visits and other matters of like nature.

37.3 He shall exercise the same administrative and disciplinary powers in respect of ministerial staff posted at the Security Commissariat as prescribed for his counterparts under these rules and/or under the extant Railway Rules and shall discharge such other duties as may be entrusted to him by the Principal* Chief Security Commissioner concerned.

***the word 'Principal' inserted vide GSR 140 (E), dated 2nd February, 2018**

38. Powers and responsibilities of other superior officers posted in Security Commissariat :

The responsibilities of other superior officers posted in-charge of crime, special intelligence, [+] and fire service etc. shall be such as may be specified through Directives or by the orders of the Principal*Chief Security Commissioner concerned.

39. Powers and responsibilities of the Divisional Security Commissioner :

- 39.1** The Divisional Security Commissioner shall be directly responsible to the Principal*Chief Security Commissioner concerned for better protection, security and smooth movement of railway property as well as for the efficient administration of the Force in his jurisdiction and shall deal with all establishment matters concerning the enrolled members of the Force placed under his control.
- 39.2** He shall exercise such powers in respect of establishment and other matters as are given in Schedule II to IV and under the extant Railway Rules.
- 39.3** The Divisional Security Commissioner shall devise ways and means for providing better protection and security to railway property in his division and matters connected therewith and shall carry out such directions as may be given to him on the subject by the Principal*Chief Security Commissioner concerned or on his behalf by any other superior officer of the Force.
- 39.4** He shall keep in close touch with the superior officers posted in the division, Post Commanders and Company Commanders for ensuring effective co-ordination amongst them and to aid, advice or direct their activities for providing better protection and security to railway property.
- 39.5** He shall inspect, as frequently as possible and in any case not less than once a year, the work of his Assistant Security Commissioners, all Railway Protection Force Posts, Companies, important out posts, detachments, etc. coming in his jurisdiction and take such action as may lie within his competence or issue such directions as considered necessary to remedy existing defects or to streamline the working.
- 39.6** His other functions shall include :
- (a)** attending parades and kit inspections at important stations and holding monthly meetings with superior officers, Post Commanders and Company Commanders of his division to review the crime situation;
 - (b)** ensuring effective and result-oriented deployment of Fore placed under his command;

[+] the word “prosecution” omitted vide G.S.R. 719(E) dated 31st October, 2013

*the word ‘Principal’ inserted vide GSR 140 (E), dated 2nd February, 2018

- (c) studying all basic security arrangements against thefts, pilferages and other crimes against railway property and suggesting such improvements to the authorities concerned as may be called for;
- (d) ensuring correct accountal of crime, thorough and prompt enquires for recovery of stolen railway property and prosecution of offenders and receivers;
- (e) liaison with his counterparts in the Police including railway police, civil administration and other railway departments for taking effective measures for better protection and security of railway property and matters connected therewith;
- (f) keeping a watch over claims preferred and paid on account of theft, pilferages, losses and shortages of booked consignment and taking preventive measures in co-operation with his counterpart in the Claims Prevention Office to arrest the upward trend in incidents leading to such claims noticed anywhere in his jurisdiction;
- (g) Submitting to his superior officers such reports and returns as may be called for including reports on subversive and other objectionable activities affecting the security and functioning of the railway noticed anywhere in his divisions; and
- (h) ensuring full compliance by all concerned under his command of all directions and instructions issued by the Director General or the Principal*Chief Security Commissioner concerned under the Act and these rules.

40. Powers and responsibilities of other superior and subordinate officers of the division :

The powers and responsibilities of other superior and subordinate officers posted to assist the Divisional Security Commissioner shall be such as may be specified in the Directives.

41. General Powers and functions of enrolled members of the Force :

41.1 The primary functions of enrolled members of the Force shall be-

- (a) to protect and safeguard railway property and to combat crime against it;
- (b) to do any other act conducive to better protection and security of railway property;
- (c) to remove any obstruction in the movement of railway property; and
- (d) to perform other functions of an armed force of the Union and to exercise powers of a railway servant as conferred by or under the Indian Railways Act, 1890.

*the word 'Principal' inserted vide GSR 140 (E), dated 2nd February, 2018

41.2 The other functions of enrolled members of the Force shall be :

- (i)** to identify the situations that have potentials for the commission of crime against the railway property either static or in transit or mobile and take remedial measures or suggest improvement in basic security arrangements or faulty procedures where necessary, to the railway administration.
- (ii)** to reduce the opportunities of thefts, pilferages, misappropriation, frauds, etc., against railway property and leakage of railway revenue through surprise preventive checks or other appropriate measures like detailing of patrols in vulnerable sectors, posting of guards and pickets at black spots, escorting of affected trains, keeping open or unobtrusive watch at workshops, stores, goods-sheds, depots, parcel offices, yards and other such places and at any station or enroute the destination of railway property;
- (iii)** to aid, co-operate and co-ordinate the measures of other railway agencies or the Police or other authorities in implementing other appropriate measures for ensuring prevention of crime against the railway property and providing for its better security;
- (iv)** to interpose at any time or place for preventing any attempt to steal, misuse, damage or tamper with the railway property or to convert it into private use without lawful authority and to initiate action against offenders;
- (v)** to register and take up enquires under the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act 1966, apprehend the offenders and participate in subsequent legal proceedings connected therewith;
- (vi)** to register or to promptly pass on reports for registration to the local Police of all cognizable offences against the railway property, conduct enquires and collect evidence for localizing the crime or which is otherwise considered necessary and render such other assistance as may be possible in investigation of such cases;
- (vii)** to obtain intelligence relating to the commission of or intention to commit any offence specified in clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix) of sub-section (1) of section 39 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 on the railways and to lay such information and to take such other steps consistent with law and with the orders of his superiors as shall be best calculated to bring offenders to justice and to prevent the commission of cognizable and, within his view, of non-cognizable offences;
- (viii)** to collect intelligence about subversive and other objectionable activities affecting the security and functioning of the railways as well as about the activities of criminals and suspects prying on railway property;
- (ix)** to study all cases of suspected sabotage or tampering with track or obstruction to movement of railway property with a view to suggesting preventive measures to railway administration and the Police;

- (x) subject to rule 42, to assist the railway administration during strikes and lockouts as well as the Police during mob violence or civil disturbances or for maintenance of law and order and control of railway crime or when deputed anywhere in India in aid to civil power.
- (xi) to assist the commercial and other departments of the railway during raids on ticket-less travellers, alarm chain pullers, unauthorized hawkers and on those indulging in hose pipe disconnections or infringing other provisions of the Indian Railways Act, 1890;
- (xii) to aid any other member of the Force when called upon by such other member or in the case of need in the discharge of the duty of such other member, in such ways as would be lawful and reasonable on the part of the member thus aided;
- (xiii) to use his best endeavours to prevent any loss or damage by fire to railway property;
- (xiv) to record and study all cases of fire incidents involving railway property and suggest preventive measures and to operate and maintain firefighting equipment at railway stations, installations, etc.;
- (xv) to guard cash offices of railway and escort their pay clerks;
- (xvi) to take prompt measures to procure necessary medical help for any wounded or sick person under arrest or in custody;
- (xvii) to arrange for the proper sustenance and shelter to every person who is under arrest or in custody;
- (xviii) to undertake any other security duty assigned to the Force by or with the concurrence of railway administration for the execution of which necessary resources have been provided and approval of the Director General or the Principal* Chief Security Commissioner, as the case may be, obtained; and
- (xix) to promptly obey and execute all orders lawfully issued to him by any superior officer of the Force and to discharge such other duties as are imposed upon him by any law for time being in force or cast on him by any railway rule.

42. Restriction on deployment of Force :

42.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter, no member of the Force shall be called upon to carry out any functions relating to law and order (except when detailed under Chapter XVI) or to attend to problems which are purely of an administrative nature requiring certain standard of discipline to be maintained by the railway servants or users of the railways:

Provided that the Force may be deployed to combat mob violence against the safety and security of railway property where there is delay in arrival of the Police or the Magistrate.

*the word 'Principal' inserted vide GSR 140 (E), dated 2nd February, 2018

42.2 Without prejudice to rule 41.2(x), the force may make adequate arrangements during strike and lock-outs for ensuring protection and security of railway property and provide protection to the loyal workers and for maintenance of law and order with the assistance of local Police or otherwise.

42.3 Except for reasons to be recorded in writing, no member of the Force shall be deployed in railway colonies:-

- (a) for rounding up and removal of stray cattle, hawkers, beggars, anti-social elements and such other duties;
- (b) for regulating the crowd for ensuring law and order in the sale of controlled commodities by railway co-operative societies;
- (c) to perform traffic duties; to control the crowd and to regulate vehicular traffic;
- (d) to collect toll taxes; or
- (e) to guard the schools and colleges run by the railway administration:

Provided that the Force may be deployed in any railway colony for guarding vital installations like sub-stations, pump houses, etc.

42.4 + Whenever the Force is called upon to help remove encroachments and unauthorized occupations either on railway stations or in the railway premises, it shall be the duty of the Force to render such help as is necessary, to the authority seeking help subject to the following restrictions :

- (a) The Force shall not be called upon to help evict railway employees from railway quarters or trade union from railway buildings. Nor shall the Force be called upon to help evict any Government or semi-Government agency from railway quarters, railway stations, railway buildings or railway premises.
- (b) The requisition for help shall be made in writing to the Post Commander by the Railway Officer not below the rank of an Assistant Officer.
- (c) The Post Commander, while rendering assistance to the Railway Officer requisitioning assistance, shall follow such procedure as may be prescribed by the Directives.

+ substituted vide G.S.R. 756(E) dated 2nd November, 1999

42.5 No member of the Force shall be deployed for serving order of dismissal or removal from service or suspension on any railway servant or to verify the antecedents or character of any employee.

42.6 No member of the Force shall be called upon to remove any posters which seem objectionable to the railway administration but if any other railway servant is commissioned to remove such posters, the Force shall provide protection to him.

43. Procedure on arrest :

For the purposes of section 14, while handing over a person arrested under section 12 to the Police office or at the nearest Police station, a brief note giving the time, date and reasons of arrest shall also be furnished and a record of the same kept at the Post.

44. Search :

For the purposes of section 13 of the Act, if any railway property reasonably suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained is found during any search of a person or his belongings that person shall be arrested and dealt with under the provisions of the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1966 or sent to the Police along with the property thus recovered as the circumstances of the case may warrant.

CHAPTER-V

RECRUITMENT, TRAINING AND CAREER PLANNING

45. RECRUITMENT :

45.1 Direct recruitment to the Force shall be made at the level of Constables, Sub-Inspectors and Assistant Commandants and all other posts shall be filled in by promotion or through a limited departmental competition from amongst the eligible enrolled members of the Force or by taking personnel on deputation in accordance with these rules.

45.1A⁺ The qualifications, method of recruitments, classification and scale of pay etc., for the posts of Inspector (Band Master), Sub-Inspector (Band Master), (Assistant Sub-Inspector (Band), Head Constable (Band), Constable (Band) shall be as specified in Schedule VI annexed to these Rules.

+ inserted vide G.S.R. 527(E) dated 1st August, 2007