

Police Circular Order No. 398 /2025

Sub:- Deputation / deployment of Armed Police personnel to Swatantra Shree Mandir Surakshya Vahini (SSMSV), Puri.

Government of Odisha have been pleased to create 1083 Posts in different ranks for raising of Swatantra Shree Mandir Surakshya Vahini (SSMSV), Puri as communicated vide Home Department letter No. 3702/D&A dtd.31.01.2024 and 38883/D&A dtd.22.10.2024. Further, charter of duties has been assigned vide Home Department letter No.45344/D&A dtd.03.12.2024.

In order to streamline the deputation process by way of selection of Armed Police Officers and men for deployment in Swatantra Shree Mandir Surakshya Vahini (SSMSV), Puri the following guidelines are hereby issued :-

1. The Headquarters of the SSMSV will be at Puri as decided by the Government.
2. There shall be no direct recruitment to SSMSV. Police personnel shall be posted on deputation on tenure basis from the Armed Police Battalions or from the respective cadres of Odisha Police as the case may be except for the post of Assistant Commandant and above. The posts created for SSMSV shall be added to the cadre strength of respective cadres of such posts under Odisha Police and will be filled up as per the provisions of the respective Recruitment Rules.

Sl. No.	Rank	No. of posts created	Deployed from
1.	Commandant	01	Respective State Armed Cadre
2.	Deputy Commandant	02	Respective State Armed Cadre
3.	Assistant Commandant	10	Respective State Armed Cadre
4.	Inspector (Armed)	08	Respective State Armed Cadre
5.	Sub-Inspector (Armed)	31	Respective State Armed Cadre
6.	Assistant Sub-Inspector (Armed)	24	Respective State Armed Cadre
7.	Sub-Inspector (General)/Law	01	Respective State Cadre of Civil Police
8.	Assistant Sub-Inspector (General)	02	Respective State Cadre of Civil Police
9.	Sub-Inspector Armourer	01	Respective State Cadre of Armourers
10.	Havildar Armourer	01	Respective State Cadre of Armourers

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11.	Assistant Armourer	02	Respective State Cadre of Armourers
12.	Sub-Inspector (Communication)	01	Respective State Communication Cadre
13.	Assistant Sub-Inspector (Communication)	04	Respective State Communication Cadre
14.	Sub-Inspector MT	01	Respective State PMT Cadre
15.	Driver Havildar	09	Respective State PMT Cadre
16.	Driver	18	Respective State PMT Cadre
17.	Havildar	240	Respective State Armed Cadre
18.	Sepoy	720	Battalion Cadre
19.	Head Clerk	01	DPO Cadre
20.	Senior Clerk	05	DPO Cadre
21.	Senior Stenographer	01	DPO Cadre

3. Modalities :-

(i) The posts of Sepoys in SSMSV, Puri, shall be filled up from OSAP 1st Bn., Dhenkanal , OSAP 4th Bn., Rourkela , OSAP 5th Bn., Baripada , OSAP 8th Bn., Chhatrapur and OSAP 4th SS Bn., Malkangiri, those have completed 07 (Seven) years of regular service from the date of their appointment as on 1st day of January of the year in which the selection is undertaken and must have completed the Basic Course of Training and Advanced Course of Training. In case of non-availability of Sepoys , the Selection Committee may relax the eligibility criteria i.e. 07 (Seven) years of regular service.

(ii) Nomination of Sepoys shall be called for from the Commandants of above 5 (five) Battalions for consideration of their deputation to SSMSV, Puri in prescribed proforma enclosed as Annexure-I to SAP Hdqrs. for scrutiny.

(iii) Similarly, nominations of S.Is (Armed) / ASIs (Armed) / Havildars shall be given by State Armed Police (SAP) Hdqrs. to the Selection Committee for consideration of their deputation to Swatantra Shree Mandir Surakshya Vahini (SSMSV), Puri in prescribed

proforma enclosed as Annexure-II.

(iv) If required, Police personnel can also be brought on temporary deputation from C.A.P.Fs and other State Police Forces, provided they are trained, experienced and specialised in security duties related to temples, monuments and iconic structures etc. on fixed tenure basis as decided by DGP, Odisha.

(v) The selection of persons for induction to SSMSV in the rank of SI (Armed)/ Havildar (Major) / ASI (Armed) / Havildar and Sepoy / Constable shall be decided by the Selection Committee. The filling up of the posts of other ranks will be decided by Transfer Committee/ Police Establishment Board as per the extant instructions.

(vi) The selection of persons for induction to SSMSV in the rank of Sub-Inspector (General)/Law, Assistant Sub-Inspector (General), Sub-Inspector Armourer, Havildar Armourer, Assistant Armourer, Head Clerk, Senior Clerk and Senior Stenographer will be decided by State Police Hdqrs.

(vii) The posts of Sub-Inspector (Communication) and Assistant Sub-Inspector (Communication) will be filled up by Communication Range and the posts of Driver Havildar and Driver will be filled up by Police Motor Transport Establishment.

(viii) Eligible Sepoys/ Constables of OSAP 1st Bn., Dhenkanal, OSAP 4th Bn., Rourkela, OSAP 5th Bn., Baripada , OSAP 8th Bn., Chhatrapur and OSAP 4th SS Bn., Malkangiri or any other Battalion as decided from time to time selected by the Selection Committee shall be deputed to SSMSV and thereafter vacancies against 720 posts of Sepoys sanctioned for SSMSV will be filled up by direct recruitment in these 5 OSAP/OSAP (SS) Battalions as approved by Government vide Home Department letter No. 38883/D&A, dtd. 22.10.2024.

4. Selection Committee :- As per Govt. Home Department letter No. 45344/D&A dtd.03.12.2024, a Selection Committee has been constituted, consisting of the following Officers, for recommending induction of SI (Armed) , ASI (Armed), Havildar and Sepoy to Swatantra Shree Mandir Surakshya Vahini (SSMSV), Puri:-

(I)	Addl.D.G. of Police, SAP, Odisha, Bhubaneswar	• Chairman
(II)	I.G. of Police/ D.I.G. of Police , Central Range, Odisha, Cuttack as the case may be	• Member
(III)	Superintendent of Police, Puri	• Member
(IV)	Any other officer nominated by DGP in the rank of IG / DIG / SP/ Commandant	• Member

Chairman can co-opt an expert as special invitee of the Selection Committee.

5. Criteria for selection to be adopted by the Selection Committee :- The Selection Committee will conduct personal interview of all the eligible officers and men nominated by the Commandants and select the officers and men basing on the following selection criteria:-

Total allotted Mark for Selection Test in all ranks– 20

Minimum Pass Marks- 10 Marks

(a) Sepoy :-

(i) Any specialised Training		05 Marks
	Police Commando Instructor Course	01 Mark
	VIP Security Training	01 Mark
	Bomb Disposal Training	01 Mark
	Crowd Control Training	01 Mark
	AET Course of Training	0.5 Mark
	Traffic Management Training	0.5 Mark
(ii) Personal Interview	Turn out, behavioral skills, knowledge in law and order duties / traffic management, overall fitness, previous experience of performing duty at Puri, service records etc.	15 Marks

(b) Havildar :-

(i) Any specialised Training		05 Marks
	Police Commando Instructor Course	01 Mark
	VIP Security Training	01 Mark
	Bomb Disposal Training	01 Mark
	Crowd Control Training	01 Mark
	AET Course of Training	0.5 Mark
	Traffic Management Training	0.5 Mark
(ii) Personal Interview	Turn out, behavioral skills, knowledge in law and order duties / traffic management, overall fitness, previous experience of performing duty at Puri, service records etc.	15 Marks

(c) ASI (Armed) :-

(i) Any specialised Training		05 Marks
	Police Commando Instructor Course	01 Mark
	VIP Security Training	01 Mark
	Bomb Disposal Training	01 Mark
	Crowd Control Training	01 Mark
	AET Course of Training	0.5 Mark
	Traffic Management Training	0.5 Mark
(ii) Personal Interview	Turn out, behavioral skills, knowledge in law and order duties / traffic management, overall fitness, previous experience of performing duty at Puri, service records etc.	15 Marks

(d) SI(Armed) :-

(i) Any specialised Training		05 Marks
	Police Commando Instructor Course	01 Mark
	VIP Security Training	01 Mark
	Bomb Disposal Training	01 Mark
	Crowd Control Training	01 Mark
	AET Course of Training	0.5 Mark
	Traffic Management Training	0.5 Mark
(ii) Personal Interview	Turn out, behavioral skills, knowledge in law and order duties / traffic management, overall fitness, previous experience of performing duty at Puri, service records etc.	15 Marks

6. Deployment Period :- The initial tenure of all personnel brought on deputation basis shall be for a period of 03 (three) years, which may be extended for 1 (one) year on the recommendation of Selection Committee and approval of DGP.

On completion of their tenure, they shall be repatriated to their parent Units or as decided by the respective Police Establishment Board/ Transfer Committee, as the case may be.

7. Office Order for deputation upto the rank of Havildar(Major)/ ASI(Armed) of State Armed Cadre will be issued by SAP Hdqrs. after due approval of DGP, Odisha.

8. The deputation Order of ASI (Communication) and SI (Communication), SI(MT)/ Driver(Havildar)/ Driver of PMT Establishment will be issued by Communication Hdqrs. Deputation of other Officers except Assistant Commandant and above shall be issued from State Police Hdqrs.

9. After completion of the deputation period, they shall be repatriated back to their respective Armed Police Battalions without any exception. Officers / men will not be considered for subsequent deputation to Swatantra Shree Mandir Surakshya Vahini (SSMSV), Puri, unless they serve 3 (three) years in Armed Police Battalions, from the date of their joining in Battalions, after their return from deputation at SSMSV.

10. The Commandant, SSMSV, Puri may repatriate the officers and men prematurely, if their performances are found un-satisfactory or on administrative ground subject to approval of SAP Hdqrs.

11. Training:- After selection of the officers and men they shall undergo a induction course for a period of 7 (seven) days regarding crowd control, behavioural issues, traffic management, security of the monuments, counter-terrorism, anti-extremist operations etc. The training syllabus for induction course will be prepared by Superintendent of Police, Puri and approved by DGP. Besides on job familiarisation course of training shall be conducted for a period of 1 (one) month to familiarise the officers and men of SSMSV, Puri on Shree Mandir administration, rituals, dealing with Sevayats etc. Further, Superintendent of Police, Puri shall also regularly organise training / refresher course of training for the inducted officers and men on the topics like crowd control, traffic management, VIP security, weapons handling, bomb disposal, counter-terrorism etc. in consultation with SAP (Hdqrs.)/ Intelligence Directorate.

12. Budget :

A separate DDO Code shall be allotted in favour of Commandant, SSMSV, Puri for allocation of budgetary funds under Salary and Non-Salary heads. Funds will be allotted under Head "Demand No. 1-2055-00-Police-HOME-104-Special Police-1327-Special Police

Organization". Commandant shall be declared as Head of Office and DDO in respect of SSMSV, Puri for drawal and disbursement of budgetary funds.

The salary of the Armed Police Personnel posted on deputation at Swatantra Shree Mandir Surakshya Vahini (SSMSV), Puri shall be borne on the books of Swatantra Shree Mandir Surakshya Vahini (SSMSV), Puri and debit to the Administrative Expenditure under Head "Demand No.1-2055-00-Police-HOME-104-Special Police-1327-Special Police Organization".

13. Personnel brought on deputation from C.A.P.Fs and other State Police Forces will draw their salaries either in the scale of pay of their parent department or the scale of pay of the post, they are brought to, as decided by them.

For State Police personnel deployed to SSMSV; only benefits attached to Parent Posts in SSMSV shall be allowed.

14. Administrative control of Swatantra Shree Mandir Surakshya Vahini (SSMSV), Puri is vested with its Commandant whereas operational control lies with Superintendent of Police, Puri.

15. Arms and Ammunition and other equipment's will be provided to the officers & men inducted to SSMSV by Central Store, State Police Hdqrs. / Superintendent of Police, Puri as per their requirement.

16. Vehicles will be provided to Swatantra Shree Mandir Surakshya Vahini (SSMSV), Puri by Police Motor Transport Establishment as per the scale.

17. Communication : Communication equipment's/man power shall be provided by the Communication Hdqrs. as per the scale.

18. Infrastructure : Land, buildings, furniture equipment's and other logistic required for functioning of SSMSV, Puri shall be provided by the State Police Hdqrs.

19. Uniform, accoutrements and logo :- The officers and men will wear Police Uniforms with shoulder badge SSMSV. At the right hand arm they will wear one logo as given below:

Dimension and colour of the Arm Badge

Dimension - Height of Badge : 9 cm, width : 7 cm

OP Logo Details – Height & width of the logo – 1.6 cm x 1 cm. Ashoka Pillar height : 0.6 cm, width-0.3 cm and the olive branches shall be circumscribed within a diameter of 1 cm. Bottom of the Ashok Pillar “सत्यमेव जयते” should be embroidered in Hindi script. The word O.P. shall be written within the olive branches with 0.2 cm height and 0.2 cm width below “सत्यमेव जयते”. Below the olive branches the words “तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय ” shall be written within a semicircular base with 0.2 cm in height.

Eyes in both the sides will be of 1.0 cm in diameter, the Nilachakra height will be 5.5 cm and width will be 5.3 cm with 2.5 cm diameter of inner round circle of Nilachakra, outer diameter of Nilchakra-3.5 cm diameter, inner most solid golden circle of 1 cm in diameter, the 8 numbers symbols of Nabagunjara of Nilachakra will be of size 1.5 cm in length and 1 cm in height, each axis of Nilachakra will be 1 cm in length, the small two eyes inside the Nilachakra will be of 0.5 cm in diameter, the word “SSMSV, PURI” shall be height of 0.5 cm, the word “ଧର୍ମ ସଂରକ୍ଷଣ” will be of height of 0.5 cm.

Colour

Background of the logo will be Navy Blue, the eyes of Lord Jagannath will be Red, White & Black, outer border will be of Golden colour and then Pink. The colour of 8 Nabagunjara and 8 axis will be Golden. The word “SSMSV, PURI” written inside the Nilachakra will be in White colour. The word “ଧର୍ମ ସଂରକ୍ଷଣ” written inside the Nilachakra will be in Red Colour.



Dimension of the Shoulder Badge

The material of the Shoulder Badge will be of Brass with following dimensions.

Height of Badge : 1.2 cm and Length of the Badge : 5 cm

S.S.M.S.V

20. The officers and men deputed / posted to Swatantra Shree Mandir Surakshya Vahini (SSMSV), Puri shall perform the following duties as specified in Home Department letter No.45344/D&A dtd.03.12.2024 :-

A. SECURITY-RELATED DUTIES:

- (i) To provide fool proof and all-round security to Shree Jagannath Temple (SJT), Shree Gundicha Temple, Parikrama Prakalpa, Mausli Maa Temple, Badadanda, Shree Marg, Shree Jagannath Reception Centre, Jagannath Bihar and other sensitive places in and around the Temple.
- (ii) To neutralize any threat to the Shree Jagannath Temple and other important places in its vicinity.
- (iii) To liaise with the National Security Guard in conducting regular drills/ rehearsal to counter any armed attack or sabotage.
- (iv) To deal with all kinds of crisis, contingencies and unanticipated situations arising out of terrorism, extremism, hostage taking and the similar acts of sabotage/ subversion targeting Shree Jagannath Temple.
- (v) To develop its own anti-sabotage check and Bomb Detection and Disposal capabilities by deploying suitable trained and experienced manpower for effective access control and Anti-sabotage check to Shree Jagannath Temple, its vicinity and other sensitive places.
- (vi) To use modern and latest technology and technical gadgets required for fool proof security ecosystem.
- (vii) To collect, collate, analyse and the sensational acts of subversion/attack on Temples or iconic structures and to devise or update suitably the counter measures.
- (viii) To maintain a close liaison with the Special Intelligence Wing, State Special Branch and District Intelligence Bureau to devise, prepare and execute situation specific operational plans on the basis of the intelligence inputs.

(ix) To develop training curriculum and train its own personnel in anti-terrorist operations, room interventions and storming of buildings, installation so occupied by the terrorists and the like.

(x) To prepare blueprints and constantly up-dating it for defending the Shree Jagannath Temple and its vicinity.

(xi) To provide security to the Chariots during Ratha Yatra and Bahuda Yatra Celebration.

B. CROWD MANAGEMENT & CRIME PREVENTIVE DUTIES:

(xii) To regulate the crowd/ devotees in an orderly manner and with patience and due sensitivity for hassle free darshan at "Badadanda," "Shree Marg", "Shree Jagannath Reception Centre", "Parikrama Prakaalpa" and inside Shree Jagannath Temple.

(xiii) To analyse and introduce implementable state of art access control measures proportionate to the inflow of crowd.

(xiv) To develop SOPs from time to time for identification and response to suspicious persons and banned articles inside the Temple.

(xv) To co-ordinate with Singhadwar Police Station in prevention of crime especially property offence cases in and around the Temple.

(xvi) To prepare a Training Curriculum on crowd regulation on different occasions/festivals after consultation with experienced serving and retired officers and studying previous arrangements, past incidences and relevant recommendations on crowd control and recommendations of various Commissions.

(xvii) To develop contingency plans and SOPs and conduct regular dry drills to enhance crowd regulation skills to effectively manage crowd surge and to prevent any contingency / incidents related to overcrowding.

C. BEHAVIOURAL AND SOFT SKILL DEVELOPMENT:

(xviii) To develop required soft skills and behavioural changes in interacting and managing crowd and devotees.

(xix) To develop SOPs for conduct and behaviour of Police personnel on duty at the Temple with due respect to Human Rights.

(xx) To develop SOPs to respond to various issues related to devotees as first responders inter alia missing child / person, injury to body, sudden illness, missing

property, trespassing of devotees to unauthorized areas, issues between Sevayats, Temple Police (JTPs) and other stakeholders engaged inside the Temple.

- (xxi) To develop rules of engagement and coordination with District Police, Shree Jagannath Temple Administration and various Nijogs in orderly management of daily activities and important festivals and associated rituals of the Shree Jagannath Temple.

D. GENERAL:

- (xxii) To perform any other duties relating to security of in and around Shree Jagannath Temple or incidental there to as per direction of S.P., Puri under whose operational command they are placed.
- (xxiii) SSMSV will be a dedicated security force of the State for providing high class security to the Shree Jagannath Temple with required soft skill to manage / handle devotees. It will be a compact, self-contained, versatile and fully equipped force to provide foolproof security.

21. Where ever, the Director General & Inspector General of Police is satisfied that it is necessary or expedient so to do in the public interest, he may by order relax any of the provisions of this PCO.

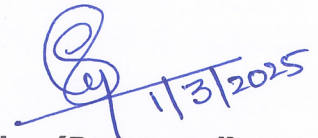

(Y.B. Khurania)

**Director General of Police,
Odisha.**

Memo No. 10274 /Pers-II

Date : 01 . 03 . 2025

Copy forwarded to All Heads of Police Districts / Establishments (including Vigilance, Cuttack / HGS & FS) for information and necessary action.

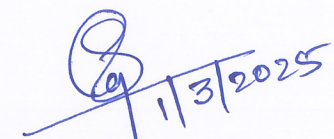

11/3/2025

**I.G. of Police (Personnel),
Odisha, Cuttack.**

Memo No. 10275 /Pers-II

Date : 01 . 03 . 2025

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**I.G. of Police (Personnel),
Odisha, Cuttack.**

NO. 10276 /Pers-II
Dated:- 01.03.2025

OD: Copy to all PS/PA/ Steno/ Sectional Heads/ IT Cell of State Police Hdqrs. for information.

INDUCTION OF SEPOYS TO SWATANTRA SHREE MANDIR SURAKSHYA VAHINI
(SSMSV), PURI.

Paste a recent passport size photograph of personnel to be duly attested by concerned Commandant.

1	Rank and Name (In Full & Block Letters)	:	
2	Name of the Battalion / unit	:	
3	Date of Birth (DD-MM-YYYY)	:	
4	Height (As recorded in Service Book))	:	
5	Weight (To be measured by Commandant)	:	
6	Home District	:	
7	Parent Unit	:	
8	Present Place of Posting	:	
9	Date of Appointment (Scheduled date of appointment if deemed to be different should be mentioned in details)	:	
10	Age as on 1 st of January in the year nomination called for induction.	:	
11	Whether completed Basic & Advance Course of Training and 07(Seven) years of regular service as on 1 st of January in the year called for induction.	:	
12	Regular Service as on 1 st of January in the year called for induction. (DD-MM-YYYY)	:	

13	Previous Posting Particulars		Place	From	To
14	Rewards	:			
15	Punishment	:	Prior to last 05 Years in which year induction will be held	During the induction year	
(a)	Major	:			
(b)	Minor	:			
16	Departmental/Disciplinary Progs/HRPC/Vigilance/Criminal case, if any pending /initiated/contemplated (in brief)	:			
17	Fitness	:	(a)Physically (Yes /No) (b)Mentally (Yes /No)		
18	Standard of honesty and integrity	:			
19	Whether undergone training on security, crowd control, law and order, traffic management, VIP Security, security of the monuments, counter terrorism, counter-insurgency & anti-extremist operation etc. (YES/NO) [if yes, enclose a copy of the same)	:			
20	Remarks of Nominating Authority	:			

SIGNATURE OF COMMANDANT

**INDUCTION OF SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE(ARMED)/ ASI (ARMED)/ HAVILDAR
TO SWATANTRA SHREE MANDIR SURAKSHYA VAHINI (SSMSV), PURI.**

Paste a recent passport
size photograph of
personnel to be duly
attested by Nominating
Authority

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2	Name of the Battalion / unit	:	
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19	Remarks of Nominating Authority	:			

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATING AUTHORITY