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Police Circular Order No. 317/04

PMRs 522 to 525 and P.O. 14 relating to the functioning of Guards should scrupulously be adhered to in strengthening the security arrangements of the Dist./Bn. Armoury. Besides, the following instructions must strictly be followed to strengthen the Dists./Bns. Armoury, particularly in view of the **existing** security scenario.

1. The Magazine guard shall henceforth be a tactical guard and not a ceremonial one. All security drills and precautions to be observed by a tactical guard must be scrupulously followed by the guards of the Dist./ Bn. Armoury henceforth.

2. The strength of the Magazine guard shall be increased from the present strength and a minimum of 3 Havs. and 16 Constables shall be detailed as the Magazine Guard.

3. All the personnel of Magazine guard shall remain present between 6 P.M. to 6 A.M. During the remaining period, half of the strength of the guard must remain present.

4(a) All the Havs./Constables on guard duty shall be armed with SLR. If the guards cannot be supplied with SLR they may be armed with .303" rifles.

(b) One or two LMGs should be mounted, preferably on the roof top of the armoury.

(c) At least an officer of and above the rank of Sgt./ DSI shall remain on duty at the Magazine guard between 6 PM to 6 AM.

5. At each Magazine Guard two or more Roof-top Morchas depending on requirement shall be prepared and adequate number of sentries posted there. A minimum of 2 sentries shall remain on the roof-top morchas during the day and 4 sentries between 6 PM to 6 AM.

6. Double cross wire with barbed wire on the top fencing shall be erected around the armoury. Trenches shall be dug all around the armoury inside the fencing.

7. Stop walls/tunnels shall be erected to facilitate the sentries in moving from the guard room to their respective morchas including roof-tops safely.

8. A crash proof gate shall be erected at the main entrance of the armoury.

9.(a) Armoury premises shall be declared a 'Prohibited Zone'. Sundry offices like R.I.'s office, force section, G.P. stores, clothing store etc. should be shifted from the premises of the armoury to other suitable location. Only authorised persons on official duty shall be allowed access to the magazine guard premises. Between 6 PM and 6 AM, only the round officers shall have access to the armoury premises.

(b) Whenever any authorised person visits the magazine guard, the guard shall be brought to the 'stand-to' position. After all the sentries have taken position in their respective morchas, then only the main gate of the premises shall be unlocked to allow the person to enter inside the camp. The gate will be locked again after his entry.

(c) Photo Identity cards must be issued to each member of the force. For issuing arms and ammunition to the members of the force, they will be allowed to enter the premises one by one after properly checking their identities at the gate. Before opening the gate for their entry inside the premises, the guard shall be brought to 'stand-to' position.

10. The whole area shall be lighted in such a manner that the sentries shall not be visible from outside whereas the entire area surrounding the armoury shall be clearly visible to the sentries.

11. A Gazetted Officer of the rank of Dy.S.P./ J. R.I. shall visit the Magazine guard at least once by day and once by night to check the duties/alertness of the Magazine guard. The officers shall pay particular attention to the accessibility of arms and ammunition in the guard room.

12. Public thoroughfare, if any, near the armoury shall be closely watched during the day. However, movement of the public thoroughfare during night shall be strictly controlled.

by deputing patrolling parties, by S.P./CC Sub-station In-charge.

13.(a) Vehicles moving in close vicinity of the armoury shall be closely watched. Suitable speed-breakers/humps shall be constructed on the road on either side of the armoury to prevent a speeding vehicle from reaching the armoury suddenly.

(b) Drop gates shall be erected on the road and operated between 5 PM to 6 AM to monitor the movement of vehicles.

14. A quick reaction team armed with SLR/.303" and area weapons like grenades shall be kept in readiness at the Hqrs. to meet with any eventuality.

The above instructions shall be carried out strictly. Any deviation will be viewed seriously.

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