

POLICE ORDER No. 241

SUBJECT—Police Commemoration Day to be observed on 21st October every year

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In accordance with the decision arrived at the Conference of the Inspectors-General of Police held in January, 1960, 21st October is being observed as Police Commemoration (Martyr's) Day at 11 District Headquarters and other police lines throughout the Country each year in memory of policemen killed on duty. In order that the ceremony may be observed simultaneously throughout India, 8 A. M. on 21st October is fixed as the time for reading out and remembering the names of all police personnel killed on duty during the previous 12 months. A list of police personnel of all ranks killed on duty between 16th September of the previous year and 15th September of the current year is prepared throughout the Country and circulated to be read out in the parade. This list is restricted to persons, who have been killed on duty (excepting natural deaths) as a direct result of type of work or the hazards of the terrain, etc. whether caused by enemy action or violence or by the calamities of nature.

In order to observe the occasion in time in a befitting manner the following procedure is prescribed :—

PARADE ORDER

The ceremonial parade will commence at 07-40 hours so that all necessary movements, names of the prior to the reading out of the names of the martyrs would be completed in time and the remembrance of the names of martyrs would be observed at 08-00 hours everywhere in the country.

The Head of the Unit will take the salute except that at Rourkela, Sambalpur, Ganjam where the Range Hqs. are located respective D. I.-Gs will take the salute. The parade will be commanded by a selected Police Officer preferably of gazetted rank and suitable selected officers will act as an adjutant and Special Officer, respectively.

The Martyr's Statue (prototype, if a proper statue is not already installed in the Police line) will be kept installed on a decorated Rostrum on the one flank of the parade ground. The Statue will be guarded by one S.-I., one A. S. I., one Havildar and one Constable to be positioned at the four corners. The order of the parade will be as follows:—

- (1) On arrival of the Inspecting Officer at the saluting base the parade will give appropriate salute.
- (2) Report by the Parade Commander
- (3) The Inspecting Officer inspects the parade
- (4) The parade will march past in close column of platoons, advance in review order present compliments, unfix bayonets and remain at stand-at-ease position.
- (5) The Martyr's register (to be prepared by those districts/establishments not yet prepared from the date of introduction) will be carried to the saluting base by a selected Police Officer being escorted by two suitable Police Officers at the "Slow March" and will be handed over to the Inspecting Officer. The Band may play "VATAN-KI-NAU-JAWAN SAHID HO" or such other selected tune befitting the occasion.

08-00 Hours

- (6) The Inspecting Officer reads out the names of Police Martyrs killed on duty between the 21st October of the previous year to the 16th September of the current year.
- (7) The Inspecting Officer accompanied by senior Police Officers will proceed to the Martyr's statue (proto type) for laying wreath. The wreath/wreaths will be carried by a selected Police Officer escorted by two officers in "Slow March". The Band may play "VATAN-KI-NAU-JAWAN SAHID HO" or any other suitable selected tune.
- (8) Meanwhile the parade will come to slope arms position.
- (9) The Inspecting Officer and the other Police Officers will lay the wreaths and face inwards.
- (10) Immediately after the wreaths are laid the parade will present compliments to the Martyrs to the Command parade will salute the Sahids in English or Hindi "Present Arms" (General salute) reverse arms and rest on arms reversed to the playing of the Last post. During this time the flag is lowered half mast. Two minutes silence is observed followed by Band playing "ABIDE WITH ME". Spectators will remain standing. Officers in uniform will salute with the "General Salute" and continue in salute position till last note of "Last Post", when they will drop their hands.
- (11) The parade will present arms with the sounding of "Reveille" and thereafter come to stand-at-ease position. During this time the flag will be hoisted full mast. Officers in uniform will salute with "Reveille".
- (12) The Inspecting Officer returns to the saluting base.
- (13) The Inspecting Officer explains briefly the significance of the occasion.
- (14) The parade comes to "attention" position.
- (15) The Inspecting Officer leaves the parade ground.
- (16) The parade moves to the left in column of threes and marches off the parade ground paying compliments to the tune and singing of "RAMDHUN" while passing by the statue.

The parade will be attended by the Head of the Unit and all Police and ministerial officers. Local leading citizens may be invited for the function.

At the State Headquarters a combined parade will be held at 7-40 A.M. on the 21st October, every year at Cuttack District Police Parade Ground in the above manner. Inspector-General of Police will take the salute at this combined parade at the State Police Headquarters to which all other Heads of Police Department, viz. Vigilance, Aviation, Research Centre, Director, S.T.O. etc. will be invited to participate in wreath laying ceremony. The parade should be attended by all Police and ministerial officers, present at Cuttack unless engaged on any other unavoidable duty. Separate orderd would issue each year about the composition and the strength of units to participate in the combined parade at State Police Headquarters

DRESS ORDER

The dress prescribed for the occasion is review order/ceremonial order (cotton) with medals for all uniformed officers. Officers not on parade are not required to carry swords.