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POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER NO. 308/2001.

Naxalites (CPNL/PWG/Activists) have raised their heads in the southern districts of Orissa, particularly in the undivided Koraput and Ganjam districts since the late sixties of 20th Century. Several Anti-naxalite picket posts (ANPPs) are functioning in the affected districts to curb the naxalite menace. All such ANPPs are manned by the OSAP personnel. The supervisory officers like Havildar Major, Jemadars and Subedars etc. are responsible for proper training of the OSAP personnel and organising raids and ambushes on receipt of specific and pin-pointed intelligence, besides patrolling the area regularly. ASIs attached to ANPPs are to establish contact with the Civil population and collect intelligence regarding movement of naxalites and suspects in the area. They are also required to remain in constant touch with the local P.Ss, field officers of Special Branch and seek guidance from district Ss.P. for conducting successful raids and ambushes. These ASIs are to accompany the OSAP personnel during routine patrolling, raids and ambushes. The patrol parties during their visit to affected villages should contact the village head man and be people friendly by enquiring about their genuine problems and bring the same to the notice of the district administration.

The Comndt., Dy.Comndt. and Asst. Comndt. should visit ANPPs regularly and look after the training of the OSAP personnel. They should also guide them in digging the trenches, construction of defence posts with sand bags, laying of barbed wire fencing around the ANPPs and making adequate lighting arrangements in consultation with District Magistrates and Ss.P.. Every platoon shall have the platoon Jemadar/Hav.Major and every Coy. the Coy. Commander at Coy.Hdqs. to over-see functioning of the force. The concerned district Ss.P. shall, on being requested by the Coy. Commander, provide him with a vehicle/fuel for his movement. The Asst. Comndt. incharge of Coy./Coys. shall visit his field units at regular intervals. The Comndt. and Dy.Comndt. of the Battalion also must visit field units every month to see for themselves the level of training/discipline and morale of force. It shall be their responsibility to ensure that the members of the force draw their TA/DA/BATA allowances regularly. They should also look into the personal problems.

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The Ss.P. must realise that it is their responsibility to curb the growing menace of the Naxalites. The Addl.S.P., SDPOs and the Dy.Ss.P. also have to play their roles meaningfully. Besides, the S.P. and other G.Os. of the district must visit ANPPs regularly to look into their training, discipline and other administrative matters. It shall be the responsibility of S.P. to ensure that a local police officer is attached to each ANPP who has adequate knowledge of topography and fit to collect hard core intelligence about the Naxalites. Besides, he must accompany OSAP personnel during raids, ambushes and patrolling. It shall be also the responsibility of district S.P. to ensure physical safety of ANPPs. He should take up with the District Magistrate for providing solar lights at inaccessible ANPPs as well as barbed wire fencing and sand bags. This will go a long way in ensuring discipline, morale and confidence amongst the OSAP personnel. The district S.P. must ensure that POL is provided to OSAP vehicles as and when force moves out of the camp for raids and ambushes. It must be also ensured that OSAP personnel on Anti-naxalite duty is not deputed below a platoon strength.

Range D.Ia.G. during their visit to such naxalite affected districts should also make it a point to visit some of the ANPPs located in inaccessible areas and attend to their problems, besides bringing the genuine grievances to the notice of the Addl.DGP, SAP as well as DGP.

The DIG of Police, SAP should undertake regular visits to ANPPs to supervise their training and redress their grievances. He should also guide them for adopting defensive and offensive measures against naxalites. He will visit the villages frequently affected by the naxalite and with co-operation of people select sites enroute for laying ambush of the visiting naxal party. The IG of Police, SAP also should visit ANPPs and co-ordinate between the Police, Revenue, Forest and Engineering departments to improve living conditions of the force. It shall be his duty to advise the DGP and the Addl.DGP, SAP regarding improvements to be brought about to the ANPPs by expenditure to be undertaken from modernisation grant and other security related expenditure for proper fortification of ANPPs.

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It is once again impressed upon the Ss.P., Commandants, Range D.Is.O. and DIG, SAP that there is no substitute for vigilance and preparedness to meet this kind of eventualities and they must ensure strict supervision over the OSAP personnel deployed at ANPPs. The Commandants and district Ss.P. must also ensure that HF R/T sets and walkie-talkie sets are provided to the ANPPs for proper co-ordination, command and control. Every Commandant must also ensure that each ANPP is provided with night vision binoculars/goggles and torch lights. Each ANPP must mount at least double sentries particularly at night. The district SP shall provide 1"X1" Survey Map of India to each ANPP for proper planning of ambushes and raids. Separate instructions on ambush and raids will follow.

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DS & IG of Police,
Orissa, Cuttack.

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