

Government of Orissa
Home (Civil Defence) Department

No.

1411 (432) CD dt. 9.6.94

All Departments of Government

Sub: Utilisation of Home Guards for security duty.

The undersigned is directed to invite reference to this Department letter No.437/CD, dated 19-2-91 and to say that in pursuance of the decision of the High Level Meeting held on 1-11-90, under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, it is felt necessary to deploy the Home Guards in the Departments of Government and Public Sector Undertakings for protection of persons, security of property, public safety and such other functions as per Home Guards Act and Rules for their maximum deployment.

It is needless to say that the Home Guards is basically a voluntary organisation and governed by the Orissa Home Guards Act and Rules made thereunder. The Home Guards are treated on par with, but secondary to the general police. They are efficient and disciplined within their sphere of duties and adequately trained. The aims and objectives of the Home Guards are :

- (a) to serve as an auxiliary to the Police and generally help in maintaining internal security as well as law and order.
- (b) to help the community in any kind of emergency - air raid, fire, flood, epidemic and the like;
- (c) to be utilised on manual jobs like plantation work, watering plants etc., besides usual guard duties, traffic control, patrolling etc.
- (d) to maintain functional units to provide essential services such as motor transport, pioneer and engineer groups, fire brigades, nursing and first aid, operation of water and power supply in installations etc.
- (e) to promote communal harmony and give assistance to the administration in protecting weaker sections of the society.
- (f) to participate in the socio-economic and welfare activities such as adult education, health and hygiene, implementation of development schemes and such other tasks as are deemed useful.

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It is therefore, requested that the public sector undertakings/other aided bodies/Govt. and Semi-Government Institutions and organisations etc. functioning under their administrative control may be impressed upon to engage Home Guards for security duty both in office establishments as well as in factories and industries and other works mentioned above. If decisions have been taken/advertisement issued to engage private security organisation by any Department/Undertakings/Organisations, but not yet actually engaged, they should not proceed ahead and place requisition for taking Home Guards for the said work in place of private security guard.

Action taken in the matter may please be intimated to this Department for information of the Government.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Memo No. 1412(200) CD., 9.6.94

Copy forwarded to All Heads of Department/All Revenue Divisional Commissioners/All District Magistrate and Collectors/ All Public Sector Undertakings(as per the list) for their information and necessary action.

A report on the action taken in the matter may please be furnished to this Department immediately.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Memo No. 1413(25) CD., 9.6.94

Copy to the state Level Heads of all the Nationalised Banks(as per list) for information and necessary action. They are requested to issue instructions to their Branches for utilisation of Home Guards in their banks.

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