

**Government of Odisha
Home Department**

No. 45344 /D&A, Bhubaneswar, dated 03.12.2024
HOME-DA1-CRTN1-0020-2023

From,

**Shri Satyabrata Sahu, I.A.S.
Additional Chief Secretary to Government**

To,

**The Accountant General (A&E), Odisha, Bhubaneswar /
The Accountant General (Audit), Odisha, Bhubaneswar**

Sub : Modalities for smooth functioning of Swatantra Shree Mandir Surakshya Vahini (SSMSV) , Puri (*previously known as Special Security Battalion at Puri*) for safety and security of Shree Jagannath Temple, Puri.

Ref : (i) This Department's earlier letter bearing no. 3702/D&A dated 31-01-2024 (*copy enclosed*)

(ii) Proposal of State Police Headquarters furnished vide letter no. 10289/Policy dated 28-02-2024 in their OSWAS file : DP-PLCY-CREAT-0017-2023

(iii) Subsequent proposal furnished by State Police Headquarters in their OSWAS file : DP-PERII-MISC-0003-2024

(iv) This Department's earlier letter no. 38883/D&A dated 22-10-2024 (*copy enclosed*)

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject above and in continuation to this Department's earlier letter no. 3702/D&A dated 31-01-2024 and 38883/D&A dated 22-10-2024, I am directed to convey the following.

1. There shall be no direct recruitment to SSMSV.

Police personnel shall be posted on deployment tenure basis from the Armed Wing, O.S.A.P, Special Security Battalions, Civil Police and other establishments as the case may be except for the post of Asst. Commandant and above.

They can also be brought on temporary deputation from C.P.M.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 DG & IG of Police.

2. The initial tenure of all personnel brought on deployment / deputation basis shall be for 3 years, which may be extended by one year.

On completion of their tenures, they shall be replaced by a new group of young persons.

Notwithstanding the tenure above, a person can be relieved and moved out of SSMSV, if his performance has not been found satisfactory or on the administrative grounds.

3. The deployment of personnel of different ranks to SSMSV from the different wings of State Police will be as follows;

Sl. No.	Posts	Deployed from
i.	Inspector- Armed/ Sub-Inspector (Armed)/ Havildar (General)	Common Cadre of Armed Wing of State Police of respective ranks
ii.	Sub Inspector (MT) / Driver Havildar / Driver	Police Motor Transport Establishment
iii.	SI (Armour) / Havildar (Armourer) / Assistant Armourer	Common Cadre of Armourer
iv.	Sub Inspector (Communication) / Assistant Sub Inspector (Communication)	Signal Establishment
v.	Asst. Sub Inspector (General)	Civil Police
vi.	Ministerial Officers	District Cadre

4. Personnel brought on deputation from C.P.M.Fs and other State Police Forces may draw their salary 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 shall be allowed.

5. The selection of persons for induction to SSMSV in the rank of SI (Armed), ASI (Armed), Havildar (General) and Sepoy (General) shall be done by a Committee headed by ADGP, Special Armed Police (SAP) , Odisha, Bhubaneswar and consisting of three other members, viz., (a) IGP, Central

Range ,Cuttack, (b) Superintendent of Police , Puri and (c) Any other officer nominated by DG & IGP in the rank of IG / DIG / SP / Commandant.

The filling of the posts of other ranks would be decided by Transfer Committee / Police Establishment Board as per the extant instructions.

6. DG & IGP will issue orders from time to time with respect to eligibility criteria of different ranks for deputation to SSMSV.

7. SSMSV is 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.

8. While the administrative control of the SSMSV is vested with it's Commandant ; the operational command of SSMSV lies with Superintendent of Police, Puri

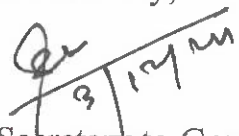
9. The Headquarter of the SSMSV will be at Puri.

10. The Charter of Duty of SSMSV is enclosed as **Annexure**. It shall be amended by the DG & IGP from time to time depending upon the security requirement.

11. DG & IGP shall decide the uniform, accoutrements and logo of the SSMSV.

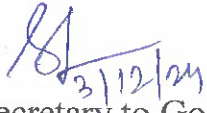
Yours faithfully,

Encl : As above


Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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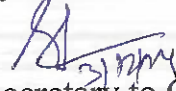
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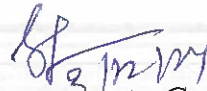
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Additional Secretary to Government

ANNEXURE

CHARTER OF DUTY OF THE SWATANTRA SHREE MANDIR SURAKSHYA VAHINI (SSMSV)

A. SECURITY-RELATED DUTIES:

1. To provide foolproof and all round security to *Shree Jagannath Temple (SJT), Shree Gundicha Temple, Parikrama Prakalpa, Mausai Maa Temple, Badadanda, Shree Marg, SJRC, Jagannath Vihar* and other sensitive places in and around the Temple.
2. To neutralize any threat to the Shree Jagannath Temple and other important places in its vicinity.
3. To liaise with the National Security Guard in conducting regular drills/ rehearsal to counter any armed attack or sabotage.
4. 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.
5. 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 of SJT, its vicinity and other sensitive places.
6. To use modern and latest technology and technical gadgets required for foolproof security ecosystem.
7. To collect, collate, analyze and document the sensational acts of subversion/ attack on Temples or iconic structures and to devise or update suitably the counter measures.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. To prepare blueprints and constantly up-dating it for defending the Shree Jagannath Temple and its vicinity.
11. To provide security to the Chariots during Ratha Yatra and Bahuda Yatra Celebration.

B. CROWD MANAGEMENT & CRIME PREVENTIVE DUTIES :

12. To regulate the crowd/ devotees in an orderly manner and with patience and due sensitivity for hassle free darshan at “*Badadanda*”, “*Shree Marg*”, “*SJRC*”, “*Parikarama Prakalpa*” and inside *Shree Jagannath Temple*.
13. To analyze and introduce implementable state of art access control measures proportionate to the inflow of crowd.
14. To develop SOPs from time to time for identification and response to suspicious persons and banned articles inside the Temple.
15. To coordinate with Singhadwar Police Station in prevention of crime especially property offence cases in and around the Temple.
16. 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.
17. 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:

18. To develop required soft skills and behavioral changes in interacting and managing crowds and devotees.
19. To develop SOPs for conduct and behavior of Police personnel on duty at the Temple with due respect to Human Rights.
20. 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.
21. 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:

22. To perform any duties relating to security of Shree Jagannath Temple or incidental thereto as per direction of SP, Puri under whose operational command they are placed.

**Government of Odisha
Home Department**

No. 3702 /D&A, Bhubaneswar, dated 31-01-2024
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From,

**Deoranjana Kumar Singh, I.A.S.
Additional Chief Secretary to Government**

To,

**The Accountant General (A&E), Odisha, Bhubaneswar /
The Accountant General (Audit), Odisha, Bhubaneswar**

Sub : Creation of a Special Security Battalion at Puri for the safety and security of Shree Jagannath Temple, Puri

**Ref : (i) This Department's earlier letter bearing no. 17367 dated 31-03-2008
(ii) Proposal of State Police Headquarters furnished in their OSWAS file :
PT1-DP-PLCY-CREAT-0017-2023 based upon letters bearing no. 3296/CR-
Con dated 13-07-2023 & no. 6312/CR-Con dated 14-12-2023 from I.G. of
Police, Central Range, Cuttack**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of Governor for creation of a dedicated Special Security Battalion at Puri for the safety and security of Shree Jagannath Temple, Puri with creation of following 1083 posts in different ranks in the level of pay mentioned against each and other allowances sanctioned by Government from time to time.

Sl. No.	Rank	Corresponding Level in the Pay Matrix as per ORSP Rules 2017	Number of Posts created
EXECUTIVE STAFF			
1	Commandant	Level 14	1
2	Deputy Commandant	Level 13	2
3	Assistant Commandant	Level 12	10
4	Inspector (Armed)	Level 10	8
5	Sub Inspector (Armed)	Level 9	31
6	Sub Inspector MT	Level 9	1
7	Sub Inspector Armourer	Level 9	1
8	Sub Inspector (General)/Law	Level 9	1
9	Sub Inspector (Communication)	Level 9	1
10	Assistant Sub Inspector (Armed)	Level 8	24
11	Assistant Sub Inspector (General)	Level 8	2

12	Assistant Sub Inspector (Communication)	Level 8	4
13	Havildar (General)	Level 7	240
14	Sepoy (General)	Level 5	720
15	Driver Havildar	Level 7	9
16	Driver	Level 5	18
17	Havildar (Armourer)	Level 7	1
18	Assistant Armourer	Level 5	2
MINISTERIAL STAFF			
19	Head Clerk	Level 9	1
20	Senior Clerk	Level 7	5
21	Senior Stenographer	Level 9	1
TOTAL			1083

2. In lieu of creation of aforementioned Special Security Battalion at Puri; 139 posts of A.P.R. Force created earlier under Singhdwar Police Station (*vide this Department's earlier letter no. 17367 dated 31-03-2008*) for safety and security of Shree Jagannath Temple, Puri are hereby abolished.
3. The said Special Security Battalion at Puri would function under the command and control of Superintendent of Police, Puri.
4. The aforesaid newly created posts shall be filled up by following relevant recruitment rules and provisions of ORV Act.
5. In principle approval is given for outsourcing of various services of Group D staff for the said Special Security Battalion.
6. The charge is debitable to the appropriate Units of Administrative Expenditure under Head 'Demand No. 1 - 2055 - 00 - Police- EOME - 104 - Special Police - 1327 - Special Police Organization'.
7. This has been concurred in by Finance Department in their file FIN-GS1-CADRE-0086-2023.

Yours faithfully,

Asy
31/01/2024

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Memo No. 3703 /D&A, dated 31-01-2024

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It is hereby permitted for filling up these newly created 1083 posts in various ranks in Special Security Battalion at Puri by way of direct recruitment following prescribed procedure, relevant recruitment rules and ORV Act.

Further, as advised by Finance Department, State Police Headquarters shall assess the actual requirement of various services of Group D staff, after the newly created regular posts are filled up for Special Security Battalion, Puri, and furnish a separate proposal for concurrence.


Joint Secretary to Government

Memo No. 3704 /D&A, dated 31-01-2024

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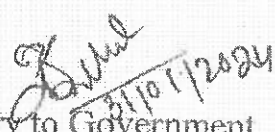
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Home Department**

No. 38883 /D&A, Bhubaneswar, dated 22.10.2024
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From,

**Shri Satyabrata Sahu, I.A.S.
Additional Chief Secretary to Government**

To,

**The Accountant General (A&E), Odisha, Bhubaneswar /
The Accountant General (Audit), Odisha, Bhubaneswar**

Sub : Creation of 720 posts of Sepoys in various Battalions as deployment reserve for posts created in Special Security Battalion, Puri

Ref : (i) This Department's earlier letter bearing no. 3702/D&A dated 31-01-2024

(ii) Proposal of State Police Headquarters furnished vide letter no. 10289/Policy dated 28-02-2024 in their OSWAS file : DP-PLCY-CREAT-0017-2023

(iii) Subsequent proposal furnished by State Police Headquarters in their OSWAS file : DP-PERII-MISC-0003-2024

Sir,

In partial modification of this Department's earlier letter bearing no. 3702/D&A dated 31-01-2024 ; I am directed convey that

- a. The newly created Special Security Battalion at Puri is hereby renamed as 'Swatantra Shree Mandir Surakshya Vahini' (SSMSV) , Puri.
- b. Further, for sake of administrative convenience, there shall be no direct recruitment of Sepoys to SSMSV and same shall be filled up on deployment basis.
2. Moreover, sanction of Governor is hereby accorded for creation of 720 posts of Sepoys (Level 5 of Pay Matrix under ORSP Rules, 2017) in various Battalions across the State as indicated in the table below as deployment reserve for equal number of posts of Sepoys created vide this Department's earlier letter no. 3702/D&A dated 31-01-2024.

Serial No.	Name of the Battalion	Existing sanctioned strength of Sepoys in respective Battalions	No. of Posts of Sepoys created as 'Deployment Reserve' in respective Battalions	Revised Sanctioned Strength of Sepoys in respective Battalions
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1.	1 st OSAP Battalion, Dhenkanal	439	291	730
2.	4 th OSAP Battalion, Rourkela	702	28	730
3.	5 th OSAP Battalion, Baripada	625	105	730
4.	8 th OSAP Battalion, Chatrapur	649	81	730
5.	4 th OSAP (SS) Battalion, Malkangiri	514	215	729
TOTAL			720	

3. The afore-mentioned newly created posts shall be filled up in a transparent manner following relevant recruitment rules and provisions of ORV Act.
4. The charge is debitable to appropriate Units of Administrative Expenditure under Head 'Demand No.1-2055-Police-EOME-104-Special Police-1327-Special Police Organization'.
5. This has been concurred in by Finance Department in their file FIN-GS1-CADRE-0032-2024.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
22/10/24

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Memo No. 38884 /D&A, dated 22.10.2024
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It is hereby permitted for filling up these newly created 720 posts in various Battalions by way of direct recruitment following prescribed procedure, relevant recruitment rules and ORV Act.

Further, as advised by Finance Department, State Police Headquarters shall resubmit the file with adequate justification for creation of deployment reserve posts for Special Operations Group (SOG) and Security Wing (SW) under Intelligence Directorate.

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22.10.2024

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