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Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantxalaya

New Delhi-2, the 21st April, 1987

Chief Secretary,
Government of Jammu & Kashmir,
JAMMU TAWI - 180 001.

Subject: Home Guards scheme for the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

I am directed to refer to your DO letter No-Home-12-G/70, dated the 21st November, 1986 on the subject noted above and to say that it has been decided that the Home Guards organisation in Jammu & Kashmir may be re-activated per the broad pattern prescribed in this Ministry's letter No.10/05/65-DGCD(HG) dated the 7th February, 1969, with effect from 1987-88. The strength of Home Guards Companies, the scale of full-time paid establishment, equipment, transport and the pattern of Central Financial assistance to be followed with effect from the 1st April, 1987 are set out in the succeeding paragraphs.

Strength of Home Guards. The total strength of the force will be 18 Companies of 110 Home Guards each. The raising and training of these companies will be carried out in three phases, as under:-

- (a) Phase-I - 18 Companies during 1987-88,
- (b) Phase-II - 10 additional Companies during 1988-89;
- (c) Phase-III - Remaining 7 Companies during 1989-90.

After raising of 18 Companies in the first phase, a review of the work done would be undertaken at the end of 1987-88 (February-March) only, after which implementation of Phase-II would be considered.

Training. To cater for the training of Home Guards, the State is authorised to have one combined Home Guards and Civil Defence Training Institute each for Jammu & Kashmir regions. The instructional staff for the Training Institute(s) will be same as sanctioned in 1969, which has been indicated vide Appendix-A to this letter.

State Headquarters. The State will have a combined Home Guards and Civil Defence Headquarters and the strength of full-time paid establishment will be the same as sanctioned in 1969, as in Appendix-A. The salary and allowances of full-time paid establishment will be governed by State Government's scales of pay.

Equipment, transport, training aids and arms and ammunition. The scales of uniform, equipment, training aids, transport, arms and ammunition, etc. would be authorised as indicated vide Appendix-A to this letter. Any departure or deviation from the accepted scales would not qualify for Central assistance and be 100% the liability of the State Government.

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6. Call-out of Home Guards. It has been decided that the Central financial assistance on call-out of Home Guards will be restricted to two month's expenditure per year at 100% at the rate prescribed vide this Ministry's letter No. II-21013/1/04-DGCD(HG) dated the 12th November, 1904. It was also decided that in addition the Home Guards may be called out for another three months per year, for which the expenditure would be shared between the Centre and the State Government on 80:20 basis, as per rate prescribed vide this Ministry's letter ibid. Expenditure on any additional call-out will be borne by the State Government.

Central financial assistance. It has been decided that the Central financial assistance on the cost of establishment, transport, equipment, arms and ammunition, training aids and office expenses would be at 100% as per scales prescribed vide Appendix-A to this letter. The expenditure on duty allowance and training allowance would be borne by the Centre at 100% for two months' period and at 80% for another three months' period, as indicated vide para-6 above. A review of these financial arrangements will be carried out after three years (i.e. in 1990) when higher sharing of expenditure by the State Government would be considered.

Any expenditure exceeding or in deviation of the norms and scales prescribed vide Appendix-A to this letter, would be cent per cent the liability of the State Government. The State Government would submit quarterly reimbursement claims for the first three quarters on provisional basis based upon the departmental figures of expenditure and the fourth quarter's-cum-final claim would be submitted alongwith Audit Certificates issued by the State Accountant General, as soon as possible after the financial year.

The nomenclature of the existing two Home Guards battalions will be appropriately changed by the State Government and expenditure on them would be booked under a different sub-head and borne entirely by the State Government.

It is requested that Section-3(3) of the Jammu & Kashmir Home Guards Act should be so amended as to ensure a maximum of six years' tenure for a Home Guard to be raised as per the scheme approved vide this letter.

This issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division, J.K. No. FA(H). Dy. No. 1013, dated the 10.4.87.

Yours faithfully,

(A.K. SHARMA)
DIRECTOR.

New Delhi-2, the 21st April, 1987

Appendix-A.

No. II-21013/1/04-DGCD(HG)

Copy forwarded to:-

1. Director General of Police-cum-Commandant General Home Guards and Director of Police, Jammu & Kashmir, Armed Police Complex, Gandhi Nagar, Srinagar-190 001.
2. Accountant General, Jammu & Kashmir, Srinagar-190 001.
3. Secretary to the Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir, Finance Deptt., Srinagar-190 001.

(A.K. SHARMA)
DIRECTOR.

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