

Honorarium for Special Police Officers (SPOs) enhanced in J&K

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) GOI has enhanced the honorarium of Special Police Officers (SPOs) of Jammu and Kashmir upto Rs 6,000 from Rs 3,000 per month.

The State has 25,827 SPOs against the sanctioned strength of 30,000. The honorarium is given by the State Government and reimbursed by the Central Government under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme.

The last enhancement was done in 2006. The enhancement will boost the morale of the SPOs who play a vital role in combating militancy in the State.

Five New Bns of IRP approved for J&K

In an important decision, which would give recruitment to at least 5500 youth, the Union Cabinet approved five new Battalions of IRP for J &K which would be raised over a period of one and half years to two years with preferential treatment to the youths of border areas.

The Cabinet that met under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi, cleared a proposal to raise a total of 17 new IRP Battalions including five for Jammu and Kashmir. The Hon'ble Prime Minister, in his Special Package announced for Jammu and Kashmir on November 7, 2015, had kept a provision of Rs 300 crores for raising of five IRP Battalions for the State.

Majority of posts in the Battalion comprised of constables and youths from border areas of Jammu and Kashmir, will benefit a lot due to the reservations. A Battalion comprises around 1100 people and a total of 5500 youths from the State would get employment with the raising of five IRP Battalions.

"As only local youths will be recruited in specially approved five IRP Battalions for the State, the Centre has empowered the Government to relax age and educational qualification criteria for the youth, if required,"

Central Government will fully fund the raising of all five IRP Battalions for Jammu and Kashmir, which will be used to tackle militancy in the State. After the Battalions are raised, the Government of India could withdraw some of the para-military forces or rotate them to other States during elections and other law and order duty.

The Government of India introduced the scheme of raising Indian Reserve Battalions in 1971. The Government of India has so far, sanctioned 153 IR Battalions to various States, out of which 144 IR Battalions have already been raised and one IR Battalion in Jharkhand has been converted into Specialized Indian Reserve Battalion (SIRB) having two engineering companies and five security companies.

Hi-Tech Dial 100 system established in Police Control Room Jammu to reduced response time for all types of grievances

All weather communication network is necessary for Jammu and Kashmir Police to ensure quick response to exigencies. Beside conventional system of communication, a reliable and trusted alternate mechanism is also required to be put in place to act swiftly in case of any calamity.

Director General of Police Shri K. Rajendra Kumar while inspecting the Hi-Tech Dial 100 System established in Police Control Room (PCR) Jammu on 18.01.2016, said that with the introduction of the system, response time for all types of grievances is reduced and met beyond its limitations. Besides, the system helps to minimise the crimes and provide security to the people.

The DGP asked the officers to monitor working of the system and ensure improvements by introducing new technologies. He assured that all assistance would be provided by PHQ to make it result oriented.

40 PCR vans have been included in the advanced system to cater the Jammu City and its adjoining areas for meeting any exigency and grievance of the people. Movement of vehicles is also monitored through new system and global positioning system (GPS) is also installed in the Hi-Tech Dial 100 System.

The new Hi-Tech System has been introduced to cater the demands of the force to provide better services to the people and detect crimes within minimum possible time. Among others, the meeting was attended by IGP, (Jammu Zone), Danesh Rana, IGP Telecom, M. A. Ganai, DIG Jammu, Ashkoo Ahmed Wani, DPT, Hilal Ahmed, SSP Jammu, Uttam Chand, SP Telecom Jammu, Devander Singh and other Police officers.