ANTI-RIOT POLICE

THE NEED

- Apart from the challenge of various insurgency movements, the country as a whole is witnessing a rise in agitations and mob-violence during recent times.

- Punjab State has also witnessed some violent agitations and Riot like situations in recent past during Sacha Sauda issue, Dera Ballan issue, impending hanging of Balwant Singh Rajoana, Davinderpal Singh Bhullar and Kissan agitations etc.

- Although the situation was controlled effectively, a need was felt to have well trained specialized force to deal with such situations.

- As per the vision and guidance of DGP, Punjab, 2 Coys. with strength of 350 men in each coy. of Anti-Riot Police have been raised as specialized, professional, well-trained units to deal with such situations.
THE OBJECTIVES

A: Riot Control

- To deal effectively with riots and riot-like situations in professional and efficient manner in order to prevent loss of life and damage to public and private property.

- To ensure minimum use of force while dealing with provocative and rampaging mobs in order to diffuse and control the situation.

- To instill confidence amongst the different sections of society by conducting flag marches.

- To provide immediate medical aid/first Aid to the victims of riot and their evacuation to the hospital.

- To always remain in a state of preparedness by maintaining a regular and healthy regime of training and duty.

- To be ever ready for call of duty with zero-response time.
B: Disaster Management

- The Hon’ble CM/ Punjab directed constitution of State Disaster Management Response Force (SDRF) at a meeting held on 26-04-2012.

- 600 personnel of Armed Wing, Punjab Police are to be trained by NDRF as State Disaster Response Force.

- 50-100 personnel out of above mentioned 600 personnel, after completion of training shall be dedicated to Disaster Response in the State all the time.

- It was decided that initially ARP Jalandhar shall double up as the first 300 strong contingent of SDRF.

- Training of 3rd Batch of 40 personnel (01 team) of ARP Jalandhar by NDRF instructors is under way at Ladowal Training Complex, Ludiana.
The ADGP/Armed Bns., Jalandhar Cantt. has requested the DGP/Punjab for provision of Rs. 30 lacs for the training requirements of 15 SDRF Teams.

The ADGP/Armed Bns., Jalandhar Cantt. has requested the DGP/Punjab for provision of Rs. 1.55 crores for the purpose of purchasing equipment related to 01 team of SDRF.

The ADGP/Armed Bns. has designated DIG/Admn., PAP as the State level Nodal Officer for matters related to SDRF. Commandant RTC, Jalandhar Cantt. has been designated as Supervisory Officer of SDRF.

C: Special Duties

- To help the Distt. Police to maintain Law & Order in the state.
- To insist the District Police in special duties like Melas, Dharnas, Rally’s & VVIP security.

TRAINING

- Basic training of ARP Jalandhar Jawans was conducted at RTC, PAP, Jalandhar.
- Basic training of ARP Mukatsar & Mansa was conducted at CTC Bahadurgarh.
- In service training is conducted daily especially Anti Riot Drill & P.T.
- Disaster Management training is conducted at Training Complex, Ladowal by NDRF.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Each team to be self-sufficient with three components - Riot Control, Tear Gas and Armed units.
- Each team to have a Mini Bus and a Canter for easy mobility.
- Age group of team to be 27-35 years – healthy, agile, motivated individuals to be selected.
- Intensive training in handling crowds, Anti-Riot Drill, Tear Gas and weapons handling and quick response.
- Special Camouflaged uniform
  – Comfortable Dungarees.
- Good lodging and boarding facilities and Mess facilities provided.
- Proposal for 15% Special Allowance has been submitted to DGP/Punjab.
As per directions of W/DGP/Punjab, 03 barracks (ARP Block Jalandhar) have been got repaired from Punjab Police Housing Corporation authorities for the accommodation of the ARP Jawans at Jalandhar. The Solar Water Heater System has also been installed on the ARP Block for the welfare of jawans. Apart from this two pre-fabricated huts are also being got erected near the ARP Block from the PPHC for the accommodation of jawans.

**Special allowance** (15% of basic pay) was promised at the time of constitution of ARP keeping in view the extra duty & risk involved in the nature of their duties. The matter may be taken up with the State Govt. to keep the morale of ARP personnel high.