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## AWARD FOR BSF PERSONNEL ON INDEPENDENCE DAY-2016

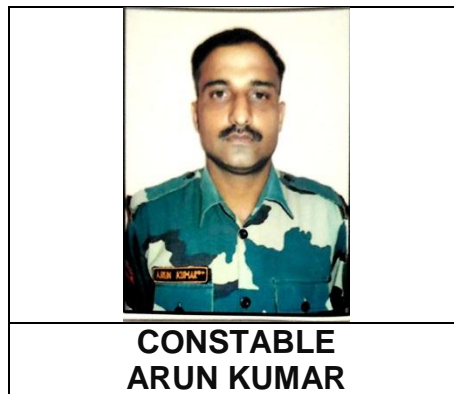
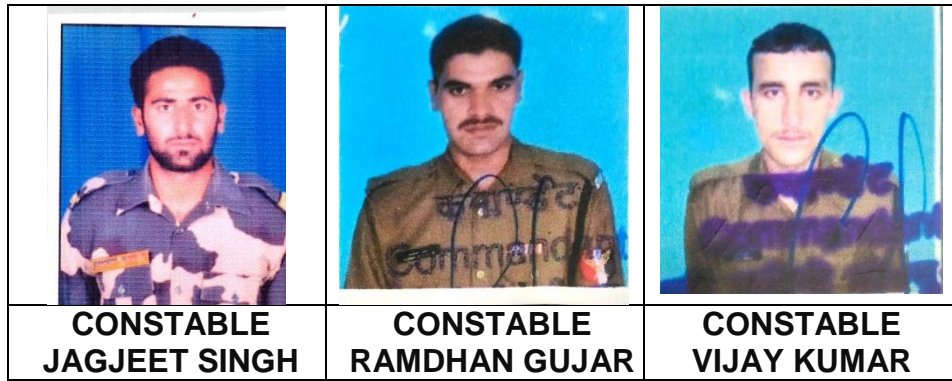
In recognition of the supreme sacrifice, gallant performance, distinguished and meritorious service during various activities rendered by the BSF personnel, the President of India is pleased to award **62** Medals which include **10** Police Medal for Gallantry including 03 Posthumously, **06** President's Police Medals for Distinguished Service and **46** Police Medals for Meritorious Services to the BSF personnel on the occasion of "INDEPENDENCE DAY-2016".

### POLICE MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY (POSTHUMOUSLY)

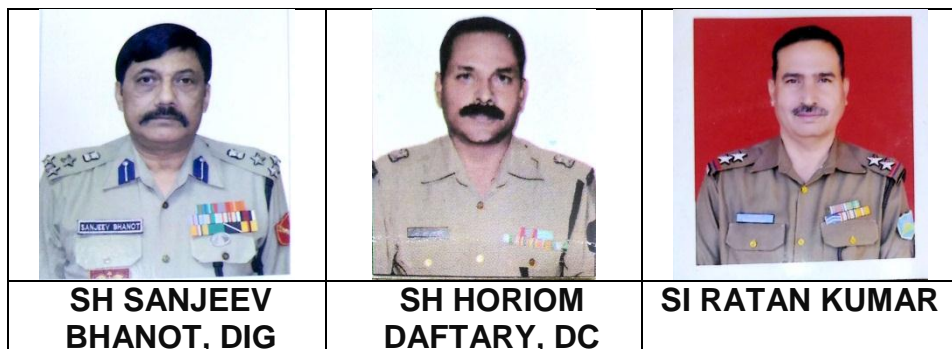
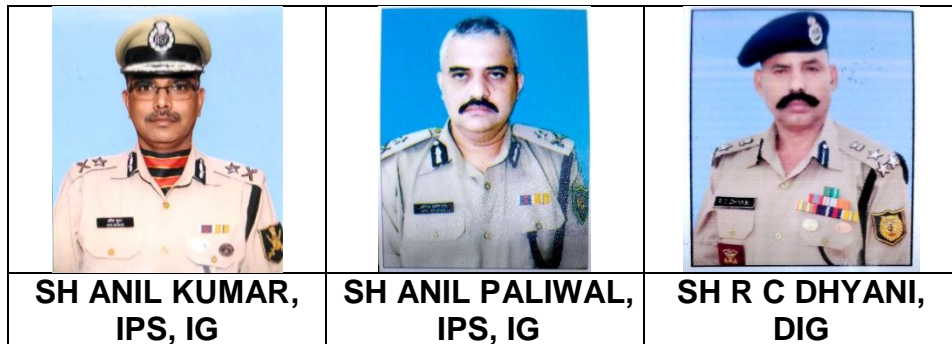
		
<b>HC ADIL ABBAS (POSTHUMOUSLY)</b>	<b>CONSTABLE DEVENDRA SINGH (POSTHUMOUSLY)</b>	<b>CONSTABLE SHRI RAM GAWARIA (POSTHUMOUSLY)</b>

### POLICE MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY

		
<b>SHRI K K SHARMA, AC</b>	<b>SH VIVEK RAWAT, AC</b>	<b>SI RAM NARAYAN SINGH</b>



**PRESIDENT'S POLICE MEDALS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**



**CITATIONS**

**CITATION OF HEAD CONSTABLE ADIL ABBAS (POSTHUMOUSLY)**

Head Constable Adil Abbas of 98 Bn BSF was detailed for protection duty to Indo-Bangladesh Border Fence construction agency workers in Eastern Tripura borders. NLFT (BM) the militant outfit of Tripura having camps at CHT have issued

threats against such defence measures and were in search of opportunity to abduct construction agency workers.

On 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014, while such construction activity was on, a water tanker driven by civil drivers of construction agency, received a sudden volley of fire to immobilize the vehicle. The spray of bullet hit HC Adil Abbas and civilians.

Head Constable Adil Abbas, unmindful of his injury and in the face of fierce attack by the militants, retaliated effectively displaying raw courage and true spirit of a soldier. The exemplary courage and remarkable fire discipline of Head Constable Adil Abbas yielded result and the militants could not succeed in their nefarious motive of kidnapping of driver/co-driver and snatching of weapon and ultimately fled back to Bangladesh.

Head Constable Adil Abbas, driver Jiten Chakma and Co-driver Hamari Rangthong were evacuated to ILS Hospital, Agartala by Air Force Hepter, where Co-driver Hamari Rangthong was declared brought dead and Head Constable Adil Abbas was also succumbed to his injuries on the same day.

Head Constable Adil Abbas has displayed exemplary professionalism, dauntless courage and bravery by beating back a well-conceived deliberate ambush by militants thus saved life of vehicle driver as well as prevented Arms & Ammunition from getting looted.

In recognition of his conspicuous gallant action, combat audacity and devotion to duty, Head Constable Adil Abbas of 98 Battalion BSF has been awarded '**Police Medal for Gallantry (Posthumously)**'.

#### **CITATION CONSTABLE DEVENDRA SINGH (POSTHUMOUSLY)**

Constable Devendra Singh of 09 Bn BSF was deployed in a hyper sensitive area of Samba under Jammu Frontier. On 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2015, during day time Pak Rangers resorted to unprovoked shelling with heavy Mortars and indiscriminate firing from medium range machine guns targeting Border Security Force outposts and other defence positions.

Constable Devendra Singh immediately took position amidst heavy mortar shelling and fired back on Pak posts without caring for his personal safety. Due to his effective retaliation, Pak Post was forced to stop firing, but adjoining Pak post started firing and targeting BSF locations. Constable Devendra Singh who was on camp guard duty kept on alerting/ guiding other post personnel and engaging the Pak Ranger with firing.

Due to his effective fire no loss/injury was caused to other BOP personnel inspite of heavy shelling/firing by adversary. Unfortunately a mortar bomb landed in vicinity of the camp guard morcha of BSF Post where Const Devendra Singh has taken

position, due to which he sustained splinter injury on his head. Injured Constable was immediately evacuated to Distt Hospital Samba, where doctor declared him bought dead.

Late Constable Devendra Singh exhibited exemplary courage, determination and bravery in face of heavy enemy shelling & firing and retaliated in befitting manner forcing Pak Post to stop firing. He made supreme sacrifice of his life and attained martyrdom proving the motto of the BSF i.e “**Duty unto Death**”.

In recognition of his conspicuous gallant action, combat audacity and pre-eminent valour of self-sacrifice, **Late Devendra Singh, Constable** of 09 Battalion BSF has been awarded ‘**Police Medal for Gallantry (Posthumously)**’.

### **CITATION OF CONSTABLE SHRI RAM GAWARIA (POSTHUMOUSLY) AND CONSTABLE ARUN KUMAR**

Constable Shri Ram Gawaria (Posthumously) and Constable Arun Kumar of 09 Bn BSF.

On 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2014 a BSF patrol party was on zero line patrolling ahead of border fence in the area of BSF post in Samba of Jammu Frontier. Constable Shri Ram Gawaria was part of this patrol. When this domination patrol was near to boundary pillar No.-193 Pak post in vicinity opened unprovoked firing on this patrol party from automatic weapons followed by grenade fire. Constable Shri Ram Gawaria sustained multiple bullet injuries on his chest, head temporal region (left side) and splinter injury on his hand. But without losing his nerves, Constable Shri Ram Gawaria alerted other members of patrol party and swiftly retaliated from his personal weapon. This provided crucial few seconds to his fellow comrades, who were under effective fire of adversary, for taking safe positions and retaliation.

Meanwhile, the troops deployed on own BOPs and OP mounds also started retaliating effectively to silence counterpart fire and to evacuate patrol party trapped ahead of Border Fence. Pak posts continued heavy volume of fire from UMG, BMG, 52 mm Mortar and 82 mm Mortar on our BOPs. Undeterred by the heavy volume of fire, Constable Arun Kumar, who was deployed on MMG, opened aimed fire of weapon on counterpart Post, which perturbed the overwhelming Pak Rangers and cross firing was stopped at 1700 hrs.

Constable Shri Ram Gawaria despite of grievous bullet injuries stood his ground and fired till he breathed his last, exhibiting highest degree of chivalry and courage under heavy odds. Owing to his timely action and retaliation, lives of other members of patrol party could be saved.

Constable Arun Kumar has displayed exemplary courage, determination and professionalism which resulted in killing of one Pak Ranger as well as in evacuation of trapped patrol party from danger zone.

In recognition of their conspicuous gallant action, combat audacity, camaraderie and devotion to duty exhibited during exchange of fire with counterpart, the mentioned personnel of 09 Battalion BSF have been awarded with '**Police Medal for Gallantry Medal**'.

**CITATION OF SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR SHARMA, ASSTT COMDT AND SI RAM NARAYAN SINGH**

123 Battalion BSF is deployed Anti Naxal Operation in Kanker District of Chhattisgarh. The area of responsibility of 123 Battalion BSF is hilly with thick jungles, which makes the undulated terrain treacherous and difficult.

On 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2014, an operational party of BSF and Chhatisgarh Police were detailed to conduct a special search operation on an information of presence of four or more LWEs in the general area of Ghumsimunda who were planning to initiate some drastic action against security forces during the occasion of Independence Day.

Shri Krishna Kumar Sharma, AC who was leading the team from BSF have successfully place the cordon with his troops. At about 1030 Hrs, all of sudden LWEs hiding in a hut near pond outside the village opened heavy volume of indiscriminate fire on operation party. Shri Krishan Kumar Sharma, AC and his party, without losing a moment, took position in paddy field and retaliated the LWEs fire. SI Ram Narayan Singh leading another group spotted LWE presence near the adjoining grove who was firing on BSF cordon. He indicated them to Shri Krishna Kumar Sharma, AC, who was advancing along with his team members towards the grove, disregarding threat to their own lives. Sh Krishna Kumar Sharma, AC and his team opened heavy volume of fire showing raw courage and guts to neutralize the heavily armed Maoists but they had to stop firing as some ladies working in their paddy field started running due to fear of fire. In the meantime, one of the LWEs hiding in the grove, opened fire on BSF party which was retaliated effectively. Own party surrounded the Maoist hiding in the grove and he was challenged to surrender. The LWE surrendered and bent down on his knees. Sh Krishna Kumar Sharma asked him to move forward raising his hand. The LWE however tried to pick up his weapon AK 47 Rifle. Seeing the situation, Sh Krishna Kumar Sharma, AC fired to prevent him from causing any injury or damage to own party. Meantime, SI Ram Narayan Singh despite knowing the cunningness and deceptiveness of Maoist and without caring for his personal safety immediately moved forward and apprehended him.

On preliminary checking, it was found that the LWE had sustained bullet injuries on his left hand, left wrist and left thigh. After keeping injured LWE and seized weapon in safe custody, the operation continued where the LWEs fled leaving behind weapons and their injured party members.

The apprehended LWE was later on identified as Jairam (30 years), resident of village-Killam, Distt-Kondagaon (Chhattisgarh). He was Senior Commander Military Commission & Member DVC Keshkal Committee and was reportedly carrying two Lakhs reward on his head.

This is one of the rarest operations, when a dreaded Left Wing Extremists was appended by security forces after fierce gun battle, without any loss to own party. Own troops have displayed exemplary professionalism, bravery and presence of mind. This will inspire men in uniform in the coming years and will give shivers to the LWEs.

The gallant action, determination and presence of mind exhibited by Shri Krishna Kumar Sharma, AC and SI Ram Narayan Singh made it a successful operation and saved the precious lives of other members of the ops party.

In recognition of their conspicuous gallant action, combat audacity and devotion to duty exhibited in the above operation, the mentioned brave soldiers of 123 Battalion BSF have been awarded with '**Police Medal for Gallantry**'.

**CITATIONS OF SHRI VIVEK RAWAT, AC, CONSTABLE JAGJEET SINGH,  
CONSTABLE, RAMDHAN GUJAR AND CONSTABLE, VIJAY KUMAR**

122 Battalion BSF is deployed in a hyper sensitive Naxals infested area of District-Kanker (Chhattisgarh).

On 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2015, a small party of four BSF personnel of 122 Bn BSF under command of Sh Vivek Rawat, AC, and six Chhatisgarh Police personnel under command of SI Avinash Sharma went for domination of area as well as intelligence collection of LWEs presence. Around 1445 Hrs, this party was suddenly ambushed by approximately 50-55 armed LWEs near Hawalbaras village. The BSF and Police party despite receiving bullet injury taken the position. Two personal from the Police party have received bullet injury and fell there only. Two more of them were remained away from ambush. Bullets from LWEs were flying all around whizzing past the ears and hairs of BSF men. One such bullet caught his place in Shri Vivek Rawat's right thigh. The other bullet hit left eye and right ankle of Constable Ramdhan Gujar. One such embedded in right wrist of Constable Vijay Kumar. All the injured personnel wrapped their wounds and kept retaliatory fire on LWEs ambush.

Sh Vivek Rawat, AC not only fought with LWEs but also re-organized his team to fire with strict fire discipline. He maintained his cool, guided his men despite injury and also called for re-enforcement. The commander's call was suitably answered by his valiant men and they also fought back despite their grievous injuries.

Constable Jagjit Singh played a major role as he kept on changing position and fired UBGL which created panic among LWEs. Constable Jagjit Singh demonstrated highest level of bravery by exposing himself taking position and firing on LWEs who

were trying to outnumber the BSF and Police party. Shri Vivek Rawat, AC has displayed highest level of leadership quality, presence of mind, fighting spirit and bravery. Constable Ramdhan Gujar with injured eye and ankle fought with LWEs with valor and contained them. Constable Vijay Kumar injured with right wrist retaliated LWEs fire with left hand and contained LWEs to their position only. His act of bravery augmented the efforts of team.

The incident is indisputable one of its kind where a large group of LWEs was not only defeated by a very small team of well-trained soldiers, but LWEs cadre was also killed in retaliatory fire.

In recognition of their conspicuous gallant action, combat audacity and devotion to duty exhibited in the above ambush, the mentioned brave soldiers of 122 Battalion BSF have been awarded with '**Police Medal for Gallantry**'.

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