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#### AWARD FOR BSF PERSONNEL ON INDEPENDENCE DAY 2015

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 **53** Medals which include **04** Police Medal for Gallantry, **06** President's Police Medals for Distinguished Services and **43** Police Medals for Meritorious Services to the BSF personnel on the occasion of "INDEPENDENCE DAY-2015".

#### POLICE MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY (PMG)

			
<b>Sh Resham Pal Singh, ASI/GD</b>	<b>Sh Amar Pal Singh, HC/Dvr</b>	<b>Sh Sri Krishan, HC/GD</b>	<b>Late Sanjay Dhar, Const/WM</b>

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**PRESIDENT'S POLICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE (PPMDS)**

		
<b>Sh Jai Bhagwan Sangwan, DIG</b>	<b>Sh Ashwini Kumar Singh, DIG</b>	<b>Sh Sushil Kumar Singh, DIG</b>
		
<b>Sh Subrata Kumar Barua, DIG</b>	<b>Sh N N D Dubey, DIG</b>	<b>Sh Cheriyan Sabu, Subedar Major</b>

**CITATIONS**

**CITATION:** In Oct 2014, 86 Battalion BSF was deployed in highly sensitive areas of Jammu on Indo-Pak International Border.

In the night intervening 06/07 Oct 2014, all Pak BOPs resorted heavy volume of unprovoked firing from BMG/UMG/HMG/Mortar on all BOPs of 86 Battalion BSF and border villages, which was retaliated by our troops.



In the night intervening 07/08 Oct 2014, Company Commander deputed No.886882112 ASI(GD) Resham Pal Singh as Naka Commander of Naka mound No. 6 to 10 of Border Out Post (BOP) Malabela, Ex-86 Battalion BSF keeping in view of his vast experience, professional competence and sensitivity of the BOP.

At about 2000 hrs, all of sudden, heavy volume of unprovoked fire of automatic guns and Mortar was started from Pakistan BOPs targeting own BOPs and border villages. Naka Commander, ASI(GD) Resham Pal Singh quickly assessed the ground situation and directed Naka No. 6 to open fire with 5.56 mm INSAS LMG. He himself kept on moving from one to another Naka and encouraging his troops to retaliate in defeating manner amid heavy firing from counterpart.

In this course of heavy exchange of fire, at about 2045 hrs, ASI(GD) Resham Pal Singh sustained bullet injury in his right lateral side chest. Exhibiting exemplary courage and camaraderie, he kept motivating his troops to continue fire and mount more pressure on counterpart. His sheer presence at each Naka point was motivating the troops to fight gallantly. The exchange of fire continued till 2300 hrs. Later on ASI(GD) Resham Pal Singh was evacuated to GMC, Jammu.

ASI(GD) Resham Pal Singh, despite having sustained bullet injuries, exhibited combat audacity, high degree of courage and exemplary leadership quality by continuously encouraging his troops to retaliate counterpart fire, which resulted in giving befitting reply to adversary and forced them to cease fire.

In recognition of his courage, combat audacity, exemplary leadership quality and devotion to duty exhibited during exchange of fire with counterpart, ASI(GD) Resham Pal Singh, 86 Battalion BSF is awarded with **Police Medal for Gallantry**.

**CITATION** :- 151 Battalion BSF is deployed on Line of Control (LoC) with its Battalion HQ at Nishat (J&K) under Kashmir Frontier.

An adhoc K-2 Battalion, was deployed on *Sri Amarnath Ji Yatra* duty. On 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 2014, on de-induction from above duty, company of 59 Battalion was coming to BSF HQ at Panthachowk. The troops and stores were to be carried in five vehicles, which included two heavy vehicle (5 ton), two TATA-407 and one Mini Bus (Swaraj Mazda).



The vehicles carrying troops and stores left Chandanwari, at about 1915 hrs, under the command of Shri Bishan Lal, AC. The movement was planned during night hours keeping in mind operational and tactical considerations. The party Commander Shri Bishan Lal, AC was in rear most vehicle of convoy i.e. Mini bus bearing Regd No. WB-23A-1558, which was driven by No. 900047651, Head Constable(Driver) Amar Pal Singh accompanied by No. 930050166 Constable Prakash Chandra, 151 Battalion BSF.

At about 2200 hrs, when the convoy reached Pampore town area adjacent to stadium on National Highway, minibus came under heavy volley of indiscriminate fire of automatic weapon from militants from left side where stadium was situated. As a result of which Shri Bishan Lal, AC, HC(Driver Amar Pal Singh and 7 other personnel of 59 Bn BSF in the Minibus sustained bullet injuries.

Head Constable (Driver) Amar Pal Singh had sustained injuries in his hip from where blood was oozing profusely. But in utter disregard to his injury, HC(Driver) Amar Pal Singh accelerated the vehicle displaying highest level of skills and presence of mind and reached the campus in less than 15 minutes. All injured personnel after providing first-aid at BSF Hospital Panthachowk evacuated to 92 Base Hospital, Srinagar.

Presence of mind, patience and exemplary courage displayed by Head Constable (Driver) Amar Pal Singh, without caring for his personal life, made it possible to save the precious lives of eight officials, who sustained grievous bullet injuries.

In recognition of his conspicuous gallant action and promptitude in saving precious lives of 8 soldiers, Head Constable (Driver) Amar Pal Singh, 151 Battalion BSF is awarded with **Police Medal for Gallantry**.

**CITATION:** 192 Battalion BSF is deployed on Indo-Pak International Border in highly sensitive areas under Jammu Frontier.

In the night intervening 22/23 Aug 2014, at about 0035 hrs, Pakistan posts Jarwal and PH-5 resorted to heavy volume of unprovoked firing from automatic weapons like Rifle/UMGs/HMGs and Mortar targeting Border Out Posts (BOPs) of 192 Battalion and border villages to inflict casualties. Own troops retaliated the fire of adversary in befitting manner.



Keeping in view of sensitivity, **No. 894015238 Head Constable Sri Krishan** was deployed at Border Out Post (BOP), Chhawani with 51 MM Mortar. He observed movement of Pak Rangers in close proximity of the International Border and correctly appreciated their ulterior motive to inflict casualty on own troops. He, without caring for his personal safety and well-being immediately came out of the bunker amid heavy shelling and engaged them with effective fire of 51 mm Mortar. During heavy exchange of fire, Head Constable Sri Krishan sustained splinter injury in his left leg below the knee. Despite bleeding profusely, he continued engaging counterpart exhibiting exemplary courage and camaraderie, which forced enemy to give up their evil intention of inflicting casualty on own troops. No. 894015238 HC Sri Krishan fired 51 MM Mortar. After completion of task, he came to BOP Chhawani, from where he was evacuated to Government Medical College & Hospital, Jammu.

Head Constable Sri Krishan, despite having sustained splinter injury in his leg, continued engaging the enemy with effective fire of 51 mm Mortar exhibiting high degree of courage, combat audacity and camaraderie, which forced enemy to abandon their deceitful intention and thereby saved precious lives of troops and villagers.

In recognition of his courage, combat audacity, camaraderie and devotion to duty exhibited during exchange of fire with counterpart, **Head Constable (GD) Sri Krishan**, 192 Battalion BSF is awarded with **Police Medal for Gallantry**.

**CITATION:** 192 Battalion BSF is deployed in a hyper sensitive areas on Indo-Pak International Border under Jammu Frontier.

On 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014, at about 1130 hrs, Pakistan Rangers started unprovoked firing on our BOP Pittal from Pak Posts Jarwal and Pump House-5 with automatic weapons like small arms, UMG & HMG. At that time all personnel available on own BOP Pittal were on stand-to position. Constable Somraj, who was performing duty on 80 feet high OP tower located inside the BOP, was targeted by Pak sniper. Though Constable Somraj was wearing bullet proof jacket, yet bullet hit just above the level of bullet proof jacket on his left



shoulder. Despite of grievous bullet injury, he retaliated Pak fire and simultaneously shouted for help.

On hearing the call for help, ASI Madan Lal and Constable (Washer Man) Sanjay Dhar, amidst heavy volume of fire and unmindful of their own lives, rushed towards OP tower to rescue Constable Somraj. But unfortunately during the process of evacuation, ASI Madan Lal and Constable (Washer Man) Sanjay Dhar came under volley of burst fire of Pak rangers. ASI Madan Lal received bullet injury on his waist and Constable (Washer Man) Sanjay Dhar on his chest. Constable (Washer Man) Sanjay Dhar fell down on the ground. But before falling down, he ensured evacuation of Constable Somraj safely to a nearby barrack.

In the meantime, Inspector Madan Lal, Officiating Coy Commander also took position between fence and forward bundh, appreciated the situation and directed troops to take retaliatory action. During this he also sustained bullet injury on his left leg just above the knee.

All the injured personnel were evacuated to Unit Hospital and further GMC&H Hospital Jammu, where Constable Sanjay Dhar was declared brought dead.

During said exchange of fire, Constable (Washer Man) Sanjay Dhar exhibited grit and raw courage. He was amongst the first and foremost person, who dared to rush towards OP tower to evacuate Constable Somraj. Timely intervention and courage displayed by Late Constable (Washer Man) Sanjay Dhar made it possible to save the life of Constable Somraj at the cost of his own life.

In recognition of his conspicuous gallant action and selfless sacrifice, **Constable (Washer Man) Late Sanjay Dhar, 192 Battalion BSF** is awarded with **Police Medal for Gallantry (Posthumously)**.

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