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MARTYR ROCKY OF BSF CONFERRED WITH SHAURYA CHAKRA

On 5th Aug 2015, at about 0420 hrs, BSF convoy of Kashmir left transit camp Jammu for Srinagar. When the convoy was negotiating a sharp road turn at Narsoo Nala, near village Simrauli, 17 Km from Udhampur, a lone militant armed with automatic weapon suddenly appeared before BSF bus. The militant initially targeted the front side of the bus, as a result of which left tyre of bus was deflated and Constable (Driver) Daljit Singh received grievous bullet injuries. Inspite of this, he did not lose his control over the bus and brought it to a safe halt avoiding collision in hilly terrain thereby demonstrated excellent presence of mind. The militant then opened a heavy volley of fire on the occupants of bus and in the process moved around the stationary bus firing relentlessly from all around. In the meantime, another militant taking position in high ground on left side also opened indiscriminate fire on the bus, causing grievous injuries to the occupants of the bus.

No. 120628139 Constable Rocky of 59 Battalion BSF received grievous bullet injuries and started bleeding profusely. However, Constable Rocky, without caring for his injuries, effectively engaged the militants by firing bullets from his personal weapon. He was also constantly shouting and asking the occupants of the bus to duck down and remain low to avoid causalities.

No. 994001199 Constable Subhendu Roy of 2nd Battalion BSF, who was also travelling as a passenger, kept informing the position of the militant to Constable Rocky. When the militant was trying to enter in the bus forcefully, Constable Subhendu Roy swiftly rushed towards front gate of bus and tightly held the door to prevent entry of militant resultantly the militant opened fire on Constable Subhendu Roy and injured him grievously. Inspite of grievous bullet injuries, Constable Subhendu Roy denied entry of militant in the bus. Then the militant tried to enter the bus through rear gate. But No. 957227224 Constable Godhraj Meena, 18 Bn BSF, who was sitting in rear portion of the bus, amid heavy volley of fire, immediately rushed towards rear gate and stood firmly to prevent entry of the militant. The militant fired at him but he did not allow the militant to enter into the bus, inspite of bullet injuries. In the meantime, Constable Rocky was continuously engaging the militant. When the militant was in the process of lobbing a grenade in the bus, Constable Rocky rushed to the door and killed the militant with effective fire. Meanwhile, the militant who was taking position in high ground on left side hills, managed to flee from the site. He held some civilians captive but was later overpowered and accosted by civilians. He is presently in police custody and under interrogation.

Constable (Driver) Daljit Singh exhibited presence of mind and brought the vehicle to a safe halt avoiding collision of vehicle in hilly terrain thereby saved precious lives of Jawans. Constable Godhraj Meena displayed high degree of courage and denied the entry of said militant in the bus through rear gate. Constable Rocky and Constable Subhendu Roy despite of grievous bullet injuries stood their ground and fought till they breathed their last, exhibiting highest degree of chivalry and courage under heavy odds and thereby saved precious lives of 44 unarmed BSF personnel.

In recognition of their conspicuous gallant action, combat audacity, camaraderie and devotion to duty exhibited during ambush laid by militants Late Ct Rocky has been conferred with Shaurya chakra, Late Subhendu Roy, 2nd Battalion BSF has been awarded with President’s Police Medal for Gallantry and following two gallants have been awarded Police Medal for Gallantry:

(i) Daljit Singh, Constable (Driver) (No. 89004554), 2nd Battalion BSF
(ii) Godhraj Meena, Constable (No. 957227224), 18 Battalion BSF

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