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BSF ORGANISES ANNUAL GOVERNING BODY MEETING OF TEAR SMOKE UNIT

The 38th Annual Governing Body Meeting of the Tear Smoke Unit (TSU) of Border Security Force, MHA was held at BSF HQrs, New Delhi today under the chairmanship of Sh K K Sharma, IPS, Director General, Border Security Force.

2. The meeting was attended by senior officers from BPR&D, CRPF, MHA, Delhi Police, State Police, Ordnance Factories Board and Ministry of Finance. Sh. Rajesh Nirwan, IPS, IG (Provisioning) BSF welcomed the delegates and Shri Edwin John Bennet, DIG/General Manager, Tear Smoke Unit presented the report highlighting the achievements of TSU and the road map for future.

3. In his inaugural address, Sh. K K Sharma, informed that TSU is doing commendable service in production and timely delivery of anti-riot tear smoke munitions to all Police Forces for managing law-and-order. Since its inception in 1976, TSU has been a supporting unit for meeting the requirement of the Police Forces. Indigenous production of non-lethal munitions by TSU has reduced the country's dependence on foreign munition. He also complemented TSU for ensuring highest standards of quality, timely production, introduction of new products thereby meeting the needs of Police law-and-order management.

4. TSU products broadly include Lachrymatory munitions, Flash-Bang munitions, Impact munitions and customized munitions for special operations. TSU is a ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004 and ISO 50001:2011 Certified unit producing non-lethal munitions matching global standards and caters to the full requirement of all State Police and Armed Forces of the country.

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5. In 2016-17, TSU introduced PAVA based tear smoke munitions which was widely and effectively used by various Police forces. Currently TSU is working along with DRDO for producing Oleoresin Capsicum or OC based tear smoke munitions which will be introduced in 2017-18. This Oleoresin Capsicum munition will be another potential force-multiplier to the Security Forces in law-and-order management.

6. The Governing Body also reviewed the progress of automation and production management of the TSU. Timely and effective utilization of the TSU munitions have saved valuable human lives and crores worth public assets and the GBM emphasized on the need for more Bio-safe, non-lethal indigenous products complying with international standards suitable for the changing security scenario.

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