

ORISSA, HOME GUARDS ORGANISATION

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1. A BIRDS EYE VIEW.

The Home Guards organization in Orissa came into being in the year 1961. Since then Home Guard volunteers have been rendering valuable service to the society in co-operation with the Police for maintenance of internal security, law & order, prevention of crime, apprehension of criminals, traffic regulation, VIP security, night patrolling and watch and ward duties etc. . They also render voluntary service during natural calamities like floods and cyclones etc., Govt. of Orissa in Home (C.D.) Dept.'s Resolution No. 1876/CD, dtd. 9.11.2001 have also declared Home Guards as auxiliary of the Fire Service u/s 6 of Orissa Fire Service Act-1993.

Indian citizen within the age group of 20-60 years, are appointed as Home Guards with the intention of allowing them to practice their programme and act as Home Guards volunteers during their off hours.

The organization is presently running with a total strength of 15000 Volunteers of which 14051 are men Home Guards and 949 are Women Home Guards. It includes 7973 Urban Home Guards & 7027 Rural Home Guards.

The Home Guards are also employed in guarding public and private sector undertakings, Banks and important units under Govt. of India like ITR Chandipur and DRDO, Mahakalapara and Brahmagiri on requisition. Such deployment also augments the State Revenue by way of capitation charges @ Rs.20/- per head per day. At present 1500 Home Guard Volunteers are engaged in different private and public sector units for watch and ward duties, thereby earning about Rs.one crore for the State exchequer.

A Home Guard gets Rs.75/- towards Duty Call up Allowance per day for 8 hours of duty w.e.f. 23.6.2006.

On completion of 3 years as a Home Guards, his suitability and efficiency is reviewed by a Board and unsuitable Home Guards are discharged from the Organization. Recently, Govt. in Home (CD) Dept.'s letter No. 776/CD, dtd. 15.4.2005 have directed that no re-enrolment of a Home may be done after 6 continuous years as new persons should be trained.

All Home Guards Volunteers undergo the Basic Course, Refresher Course, Advanced and Leadership training Courses in a phased manner during his/her tenure in the organization.

Selected Home Guards are also deputed to the National Civil Defence College, Nagpur, and Civil Defence Training School, Bangalore for specialized training courses every year.

Govt. of Orissa have also reserved 10% vacancies in the rank of Police Constable, Firemen, Excise Constable and Jail Warders for the recruitment of suitable Home Guards.

Approximately, 3000 Home Guards of the State have since been trained in Disaster Management. A Platoon under charge of a NGO has been raised in each dist. Hdqrs. to meet any disaster at a short notice.

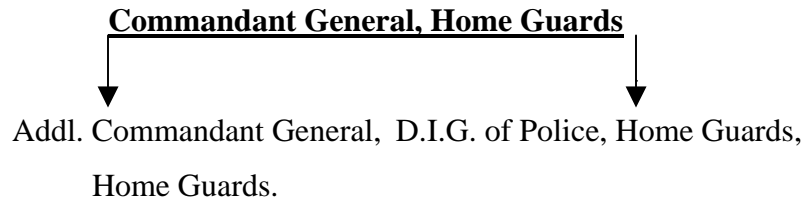
Every year number of Home Guards volunteers are awarded President's Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for meritorious service on the occasion of Republic Day & Independence Day.

The Annual Home Guards Day is observed on 6th December each year throughout the State to popularize the concept of Home Guards and also foster esprit-de-corps among them.

The organizational motto of "Niskam Seva" is followed in letter and spirit by this organization. This organization is regulated and operated as per Orissa Home Guards Act - 1961, Orissa Home Guards Rules - 1962 and Compendium of Instructions for Home Guards issued by the Govt. of India, MHA, New Delhi.

2. **Structure of Organization**

State Directorate , Cuttack.



Jr. Staff Officer, Home Guards,

Ministerial Staff.

Sanctioned strength Paid-Staff of State Home Guards Directorate, Orissa, Cuttack.

Rank (Grade-wise)

Group – A.

1.	Commandant General, Home Guards.	-	1
2.	DIG of Police, Home Guards	-	1
3.	Jr. Staff Officer, Home Guards	-	1

Group - B

1.	P.A. (Tech.)	-	1
2.	Section Officer	-	2

Group – C.

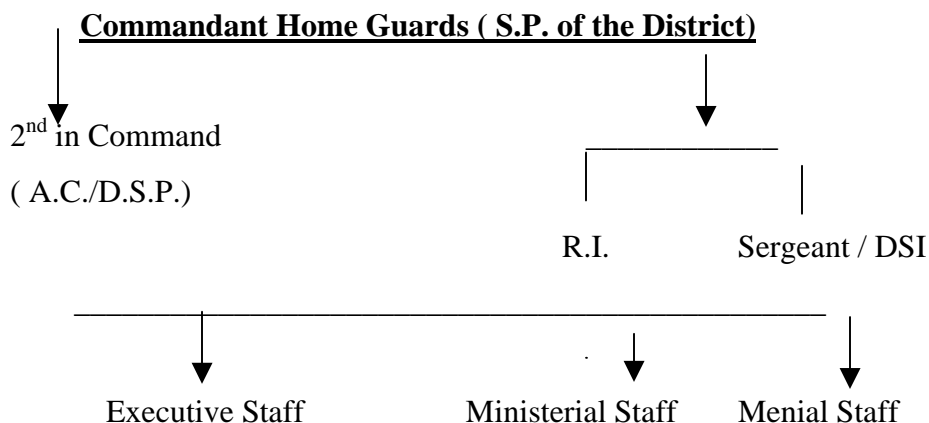
1.	Sr. Asstt.	-	6
2.	Sr. Stenographer	-	2
3.	Sr. Store Keeper	-	1
4.	Jr. Asstt.	-	3
5.	Jr. Typist	-	1
6.	Jr. Diarist	-	1
7.	Dr. Hav.	-	2
8.	Asst. Driver	-	2
9.	Constable	-	6
10.	ASI	-	1

Group – D

1.	Daftary	-	1
2.	Peon	-	1
3.	Follower Orderly	-	8
4.	Sweeper	-	1

Total: 42

District Home Guards Organization – 32 Districts.



Sanctioned Strength of Paid-Staff Dist. Home Guards Organization.

Rank (Grade-wise)

(Group – A)

1. Asst. Commandant/DSP Hgs. - 16

(Group – B)

1. R.I. HGs. - 15

(Group – C)

1. Accountant - 16

2. Sr. Clerk - 22

3. Jr. Clerk-cum-Typist - 16

4. Jr. Clerk - 16

5. Sergeant - 16

6. DSI - 16

7. Havildar - 51

8. Armour Havildar - 16

9. Dr. Havildar - 13

10. Asst. Driver - 16

11. Naik - 51

(Group – D)

1. Peon - 30

2. Follower Orderly - 15

3. Cook - 23

4. Visty - 23

5. Sweeper - 22

Total 393

3. Training of Home Guards:

3.1 Type of training

The Home Guards are given basic training in drill with and without arms, weapon training, fire discipline, crowd control, field craft, patrolling, map reading and Civil Defence training including fire fighting, rescue, first-aid, flood relief etc.

The training for Urban and Rural Home Guards is phased into 4 parts namely, Basic training, Refresher training, Advance training and Leadership training.

In the case of Rural Home Guards, the training is imparted in camps at District Training Centres.

3.2. Urban Home Guards:

(a) Basic training in first year of joining- 57 days

A programme of 170 periods of 45 minutes each in minimum of 47 days is to be covered at parades of 1 ½ to 2 ½ hours duration.

Plus Camp training : 10 days.

(b) Refresher Training (in the second year of joining)- 52 days

One parade of 2 ½ hrs , duration every week should be attended by every Urban Home Guard. The entire syllabus of basic training should be gone over gradually with greater emphasis on P.T. Unarmed Combat, Drill, Weapon Training. Crowd Control and duties and responsibilities relating to law and order aspect.

Plus Camp training : 8 days.

(c) Advanced Training.- 27 days

One-third of the total strength is to be given advanced training of 80 periods through part-time parades. In Advanced Training emphasis should be laid on higher training in subjects such as Drill, Weapon Training, Crowd Control, Anti-riot duties, Unarmed Combat, Traffic Control, arrangements for control of large public meeting, Protection of vital installations, Patrolling, Fire-fighting and Civil Defence-subject such as Rescue and first-Aid. If possible, handling of automatic weapons such as stenguns and light machine guns may also be taught.

(d) Leadership Training- 21 days

There is no change in syllabus of Leadership Training which will continue to be for 21 days- for Section and Platoon Commanders and for 30 days in the case of Company Commanders. From the second year onwards, Section Leaders, Platoon Leaders, Courses may be organized either at all the Rural Home Guards District Training Centres or at selected centres throughout the State. From the third year, the Company Commander's Courses should also be organized. Similar arrangements will also be necessary for securing a built in leadership for the Urban Home Guards and their Women's wing. Here the Leadership Courses may be run on Part-time basis, except for Company Commanders, who should preferably go to the Central Institute for one month's intensive course.

3.3. Rural Home Guards

(a) Basic Training (First year)- 42 days

The period of Basic training for Rural Home Guards will be reduced to six weeks. It will consists of 276 periods of 45 minutes each.

(b) Refresher Training (2nd year)-25 days

Annual refresher training of 25 days of training will be given at DTCs in such a manner that the total of 25 days is broken into a suitable number of lesser days at any one time. During this training emphasis will be laid on subjects of PT, Unarmed Combat, Drill, Weapon Training , Crowd Control and duties and responsibilities relating to law and order aspect.

(c) Advanced Training-25 days.

The training will lasts for 25 days at District Headquarters. The emphasis on subject in Advanced Training will be the same as for Urban Home Guards.

(d) Leadership Training-57 days.

Duration of leadership training will be the same as for Urban Home Guards.

3.4. Number of Home Guards trained

So far 11,632 Home Guards have been imparted Basic course of training and Refresher's course of training and 697 and 153 Home Guards imparted Advanced & Leadership training respectively.

4. Disposition of Home Guards.

The strength of Home Guards was raised to 15000 as per Govt. order vide Home Department's letter No. 1224/ CD dtd. 23-6-06. The above strength was distributed between 32 Police district as follows.

Sl. No.	Name of the Districts.	Urban Home Guards.			Rural Home Guards.			Grand Total.
		Man	Woman	Total	Man	Woman	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Angul	279	38	317	183	-	183	500
2.	Bolangir	411	27	438	198	-	198	636
3.	Balasore	288	44	332	340	-	340	672
4.	Baragarh	179	18	197	187	-	187	384
5.	Bhadrak	108	11	119	175	-	175	294
6.	Berhampur	302	17	319	220	-	220	539
7.	Boudh	66	10	76	60	-	60	136
8.	Cuttack	846	50	896	299	26	325	1221
9.	Dhenkanal	130	24	154	232	-	232	386
10.	Deogarh	79	07	86	131	02	133	219
11.	Gajapati	62	08	70	244	21	265	335
12.	Ganjam	154	31	185	433	-	433	618
13.	Jagatsinghpur	220	20	240	110	-	110	350
14.	Jajpur	103	10	113	302	-	302	415
15.	Jharsuguda	216	15	231	64	04	68	299
16.	Kalahandi	258	15	273	137	-	137	410
17.	Kendrapara	157	11	168	145	-	145	313
18.	Keonjhar	110	12	122	338	-	338	460
19.	Khurda (Bhubaneswar)	884	62	946	178	18	196	1142
20.	Koraput	160	24	184	298	02	300	484
21.	Malkangiri	46	07	53	152	-	152	205
22.	Mayurbhanj	150	40	190	610	-	610	800
23.	Nawarangpur	35	06	41	201	-	201	242
24.	Nayagarh	124	17	141	150	24	174	315
25.	Nuapara	62	08	70	71	04	75	145
26.	Phulbani (Kandhamal)	92	26	118	207	11	218	336
27.	Puri	410	68	478	206	20	226	704
28.	Rayagada	63	30	93	213	-	213	306
29.	Rourkela	514	43	557	50	-	50	607
30.	Sambalpur	368	58	426	243	-	243	669
31.	Sonepur	105	23	128	161	-	161	289
32.	Sundargarh.	183	29	212	349	08	357	569
	Total:	7164	809	7973	6887	140	7027	15000

5. Disposition of Paid Staff of Orissa Home Guards Organizations.

(i) The following is the disposition of paid staff of State Home Guards Directorate, Cuttack.

1. Commandant General Home Guards	-	1
2. DIGP Home Guards	-	1
3. JSO Home Guards	-	1
4. Section Officer	-	2
5. P.A. (Tech.)	-	1
6. Senior Officer	-	6
7. Senior Stenographer	-	2
8. Senior Storekeeper	-	1
9. Junior Assistant	-	3
10. Junior Typist	-	1
11. Junior Diarist	-	1
12. Driver Havildar	-	2
13. Assistant Driver	-	2
14. Constable	-	6
15. A.S.I.	-	1
16. Daftary	-	1
17. Peon	-	1
18. Follower Orderly	-	8
19. Sweeper	-	1
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Total	-	42

- (i) The following is the disposition of paid staff of District Home Guards Office.

Sl. No.	Name of the Dist. Sanctioned Strength	DSP / AC 16	R.I. 15	Actt. Sr. Clerk 38	Jr. Clerk 32	Sgt. 16	DSI 16	Hav NK 102	Ar. Hav 16	A. Dr. 16	Dr. Hav 13	Peon 30	FO 15	Co-ok 23	Vis-ty 23	Sweper 23	Total 393
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1.	Angul	1		1	2	1	1	3		1		1	1	1	1	1	15
2.	Bolangir	1		1	2	1	1	3	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	16
3.	Balasore	1	1	1	2		1	4	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	17
4.	Baragarh			1	1			2			1	1	1	1			09
5.	Bhadrak			1	1	1		4			1	1		1	1	1	12
6.	Berhampur			1	1	1		3	1		1						08
7.	Boudh			1	1	1	1	2			1	1			1	1	10
8.	Cuttack	1		2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1				1	14
9.	Dhenkanal		1	1	1		1	2	1		1	1		1	1		11
10.	Deogarh			1			1	2							1		05
11.	Gajapati		1	1				2				1		1			06
12.	Ganjam	1		1	1		1	3	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	14
13.	Jagatsinghpur			1		1		2			1	1		1	1		08
14.	Jajpur		1	1	1		1	4						1			09
15.	Jharsuguda				1	1		2							1		05
16.	Kalahandi	1		1	2	1		3	1	1		1	1	1		1	14
17.	Kendrapara	1		1				3		1		1	1		1	1	10
18.	Keonjhar	1	1	2	1	1		5	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	18
19.	Khurda (BBSR)	1	1	2	1	1		8	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	26
20.	Koraput	1		1	1	1		3	1	1		1	1	1		1	13
21.	Malkangiri				1		1	2									04
22.	Mayurbhanj	1	1	2	2	1	1	8	1	1		2	1	2	2	2	27
23.	Nawarangpur		1	1				2							1		05
24.	Nayagarh		1	2	1		1	4			1	1		1	1	1	14
25.	Nuapara		1	1	1		1	3				1			1		09
26.	Phulbani (Kandhamal)	1	1	1	1			4	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	15
27.	Puri	1		2	1	1		4	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	16
28.	Rayagada		1	1				2	1		1	1			1	1	09
29.	Rourkela	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1				15
30.	Sambalpur	1		1	1		1	2	1	1		1	1	1		1	12
31.	Sonepur		1	1	1			4			1	1		1			10
32.	Sundargarh.	1	1	2	1	1	1	3		1		2	1	1	1	1	17
	Total:																

At present all the posts are being filled up by the State Police Hdqrs by transfer and posting. As per M.H.A. letter No. II-17018/41/93-DGCD (HG) dtd. 3.2.97, 25% cost on raising and training and equipping Home Guards is borne by Central Govt.

6. General:

The Home Guards are performing auxiliary police duty as per Rule -17- i of Orissa Home Guards Rule-1962.