

Brief History

In 1977, Pakistan Railways Police was established following the merger of erstwhile Watch and Ward and Government Railways Police (GRP). Prior to 1977, the task to prevent crime and protect railways assets was assigned to provincial police. With the expansion in crime rate in the vicinity of railways, it became herculean task for provincial police to protect assets and prevent crimes on railways. Hence, the need for separate police force arose to implement the railways laws and control of crime in an efficient manner.



Introduction

PRP comprise of eight divisions under the command of Superintendent of Police in each division. These divisions are further regulated by high command of central police office situated in Lahore. The high command includes IG, DIG's and AIG Admin, respectively. 46 railways police stations and 88 railways police posts are in operation throughout the Pakistan in order to control the crime, prevent the railways infrastructure, and assist the railways administration in anti-encroachment drive and related matters.



Help desks to facilitate and assist the passengers are also being established at all major railway stations, apart from this, first-aid and other multiple assistance are regularly being provided by railways police staff.



Role and Responsibilities

Railways Police perform following functions under section 3 of Pakistan Railways Police act:-

- (a) Preventing loss to Railways property and property consigned to the Railways and prevention of offences in respect thereof;
- (b) ensuring proper conduct of persons on the Railways;
- (c) general maintenance of law and order on the Railways and taking cognizance of offences committed on them;
- (d) to render all possible assistance to passengers and railways servants;
- (e) to protect travelers from injury to person or property;
- (f) to keep railway platforms and others railway premises clear of idlers and beggars and to keep a look out for suspicious persons, smugglers and persons travelling with arms without a license or in contravention of rules, regulations or orders for the time being in force;
- (g) to search empty carriages for property left behind by passengers and to take possession of such property for due disposal under the law;
- (h) to control and regulate movement and parking of hackney carriages and mechanically propelled vehicles at Railway stations and enforce the regulation of the Railway authorities with regard to them;
- (I) to bring to the notice of the appropriate Railway authorities any contravention, breach or violation of any law of which the Pakistan Railways police cannot itself take cognizance; and
- (j) such other function connected with the purposes of this Act as the federal government may by notification in the official gazette, require the Pakistan Railways Police to perform.



POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL WALTON

To train the newly recruited and polish the present working staff of railways police, training school Walton is operational under the senior police officer as principal of the academy. Quality training is being imparted to all the trainees so that they may reflect in the field posting and other official duties in efficient manner. Special professional courses with the assistance of International Criminal Investigative Training assistance Program (ICITAP) are organized to impart the modern professional knowledge among the staff. The academy has capacity to accommodate more than 300 trainees at a time.



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