STANDING ORDER No. L&O/76/2022

'PRAHARI' SCHEME'

1. INTRODUCTION

Prahari - a Force Multiplier for Policing – is an initiative of Delhi Police for Private Security Guards, Chowkidars to assist police in prevention of crime and maintaining law and order in the capital. It aims at promoting a feeling of ownership and camaraderie in the community to foster better police-public relations. With more and more people turning to private security for personal safety, that of their families and property, as also that of their residential colonies and business establishments, it is in the interest of public safety to sensitize and involve such private security personnel with a view to maximizing their performance in the overall interest of the safety and security of the community.

With the above purpose in mind, the need for institutionalized partnerships and cooperation between the public and private sector security in community policing, can hardly be over-emphasized. The level of cooperation can be enhanced through training, briefing, meetings and information sharing. This can significantly and qualitatively enhance the participation of the private security providers in community policing.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

a) The *Prahari* Scheme is a veritably potent community policing initiative in as much as it emphasizes on proactive enforcement that works on the proposition that street crime can be reduced to a great extent through greater community involvement and integration between citizens and police. In this initiative, all the stakeholders and officers aim to devote quality time to develop a "partnership". Under this Scheme, the Delhi Police identifies and engages various stakeholders like Guards and Chowkidars primarily for prevention of the crimes such as robbery, burglary, snatching, motor-vehicle theft and other miscellaneous thefts. After enrolment, the *Praharis* are trained by the Delhi Police to help and coordinate in overseeing the safety and security of public and property in the residential and market areas.

The objectives of the Scheme are broadly as follows:

a) To identify crime-prone areas.
b) To reduce property crime.
c) To foster police-public relations.
d) To increase community participation in prevention and detection of crime.

3. ROLE OF PRAHARIS

In many cases, chowkidars, guards and watchmen have played a vital role not only in preventing crimes like theft, burglary, robbery etc. but also in providing vital criminal information and clues. To establish a mutual relationship with the *Praharis* on the basis of a common objective of promoting security and safety of people, the *Praharis* will be required to perform the following functions:

a) Prahari in consultation with beat officer will make himself aware about local criminals, BCs, budding criminals, ruffians, habitual drinkers, habitual trouble makers, radical persons, school drop-outs and organized crime. Praharis shall share information with beat staff through e-sathi app or 'Prahari' centralized whatsapp number linked to beat book.

b) Assist the beat officer in verifying antecedents of plumbers, electricians, masons, carpenters, telephone technicians, vendors, hawkers, sweepers, kabaris, vegetable sellers and other persons regularly visiting the locality.

c) Assist the beat officer in collecting the particulars of all domestic servants, chowkidars, drivers residing or working in the locality for verification of their antecedents.

d) Assist the beat officer in keeping watch on, suspicious persons/suspected objects/anti-social activities in the locality and inform beat officer.

e) Also assist police stations during night patrolling and in maintenance of communal harmony.

f) Assist local police to collect and provide timely information that may have a bearing on crime prevention, on community spirit and on police-community relations.

g) Keep a look out for strangers and suspicious persons visiting the locality.

h) If a resident is away on work or on vacation, it will be the duty of the Prahari to keep a watch in the neighbourhood and promptly inform beat staff if they see any strangers or suspicious movements around his/her house.

i) Keep a watch for abandoned vehicles and parking of suspicious vehicles in the locality.

j) Keep a watch for strangers roaming unnecessarily in the locality around houses and parked vehicles who knock on doors or peep through window or try to open car/doors.

k) Remain vigilant in local public parks and play-grounds in their area for eve-teasers, thieves and suspicious looking persons.

l) Keep vigil and show concern in respect of Senior Citizens of the locality particularly those who are staying alone.

4. ROLE OF BEAT OFFICER/POLICE STATION/DCP

i) The success of the *Prahari* Scheme depends critically on the constant encouragement and supervision by the Police Station Officials. The SHO and the ACP/Sub-Division will have to take personal interest in ensuring that the *Praharis* exert themselves and perform their role with due motivation. They should be briefed regularly by SHO/ACP/ Sub-Division of concerned area.

ii) The Scheme will work under the close supervision of the district DCP. The police officials shall interact frequently with all stake holders of the Scheme and brief them regularly on crime prevention measures.

iii) The Beat Officer will be the critical field-level functionary to maintain regular contact with the *Praharis* and constantly guide and sensitize them.

iv) SHOs may hold meetings with Praharis and their employers every month and ACsP/Sub-Division may hold it bi-monthly. DCP may hold meetings with Praharis and their employers once in six months.

5. ROLE OF RWAs & MWAs

It is a common community policing requirement that the public must be involved with the local police in a big way for effective watch in the area and for quick flow of information related to prevention and detection of crime. The *Prahari* Scheme cannot be successful without the help and cooperation of the residents of the area. For effective implementation to

serve the purpose of introducing *Prahari* Scheme, it is essential that the RWAs/MWAs should be actively associated with the Scheme. While understanding the need for effective security in the present scenario, RWAs/MWAs and residents should allow and motivate their Chowkidars, Guards, Watchman to volunteer for enrolment as *Prahari*. RWAs/MWAs also have a critical role in ensuring that the *Praharis* are well equipped with all necessary security equipment.

6. ENROLMENT AS PRAHARI

Private Security Guards, Chowkidars as well as other volunteers, to assist police in prevention of crime and maintenance of order of all the Districts are eligible for enrolment as *Praharis*.

(i) For enrolment or enlistment as a *Prahari*, the vendor/supplier of Guards shall fill up details of volunteers /Security Guard/Chowkidar through e- Sathi app of Delhi Police. The app is available on play store of android and IOS and link on Delhi Police website ***Annexure-A.***

(ii) The SHO shall take out triplicate print of the enrolment form submitted by the volunteers Original copy shall be kept in the Personal File of the *Prahari* at the Police Station.

(iii) The duplicate copy along with a forwarding letter of the SHO shall be sent to the concerned police station(s) of the permanent address of the applicant/*Prahari* for verification of character and antecedents.

(iv) After receipt of the verification report, the Beat Officer concerned shall fill-in a 'Local Enquiry Report' as per ***Annexure-B.***

(v) Thereafter, the SHO will forward the third copy of Enrolment Form along with his recommendations for enlistment of the applicants a *Prahari* to the General Branch of the District i.e. HAG through the ACP/SDPO.

(vi) The HAG will put up the recommendations before the District DCP for enlistment and issue of ID card.

(vii) While selecting Prahari, special care should be taken to ensure that enrolled persons do not have any criminal record/back ground and have not come to adverse notice for any anti-social or communal activity. Selection process should be stringent.

7. IDENTITY CARDS

All enlisted *Praharis* will be issued a specially designed 'Prahari Identity Card' as per ***Annexure-C*** by the concerned DCP. The Identity Card shall have holograme/QR code having information of Beat/PS/Sub-Division/District. This Identity Card will be renewed every year subject to fulfillment of the eligibility criteria.

[*It may be noted that the issuance of an Identity Card by DCP will not entitle the card holder to be a police officer or a public servant in any manner whatsoever. It also will not entitle him to claim any wage or honorarium (except Cash Rewards granted in exceptional cases) nor will it confer any right or claim of a police officer or of a public servant entitled to. The Prahari Scheme is purely a voluntary service and issue of an Identity Card is just an accreditation of such a voluntary service.*]

8. PRAHARI KIT

Every security agency/supplier of Guards should ensure that they are provided with uniform and kit as per the PSARA guidelines.

9. TRAINING

All *Praharis* will be given 'Basic Orientation on Security Trends' (*BOOST*) on enlistment in the *Prahari* Scheme. There will also be regular modules on latest security gadgets, crime prevention strategies, 'Eyes and Ears' Scheme, etc. *Praharis* will be given training in various aspects of area surveillance, checking, frisking, keeping watch on doubtful elements etc. A syllabus/course material should be prepared for this purpose by the district DCP for organizing the training of *Praharis*. DCP to organise training and sensitisation programme for Praharies and Security Guard providers/ Security Agencies once in six months.

10. REWARDS

Instances of good work done by a *Prahari* will be duly recognized in the form of a suitable cash reward with Commendation Card by the District DCP. This should preferably be given in a special programme at the District level by inviting all the stakeholders so as to further boost their motivation.

11. REGISTERS AND RECORDS

A register in electronic format will be maintain on e-beat book to maintain the details of all the *Praharis locality wise, beat wise, police stations wise as well as District wise. The facility will be available for printing hard copies. The data format will be as per* ***Annexure-D.***

12. PRAHARI DATA BASE

Access will be provided to District DCsP and SHOs for Prahari database on e- beat book.

13. CONCLUSION

For the successful implementation of Prahari Scheme the Beat Officer, SHOs and the District DCsP shall ensure enrolment of appropriate persons, regular motivational briefings and suitable rewards from time to time. District DCsP have to ensure that the interest of *Praharis* is sustained on a long-term basis.

14. SUPERSESSION CLAUSE

This Standing Order supersedes the previous Standing Order No. 454/2018 issued vide No.755-805/Record Branch/PHQ dated 26.03.2018.

15. DISCLAIMER

It is made clear that this Standing Order is exclusively for internal smooth functioning of Police Department.

Rakesh Asthana

(RAKESH ASTHANA)
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE:
DELHI.

No. 43701-43850 /Record Branch/PHQ dated Delhi, the 06.06.2022 6/6/22.

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3. All Additional Commissioners of Police, Delhi.
4. OSD to C.P., Delhi.
5. All Deputy Commissioners of Police, Districts/Units including PHQ, C.P. Sectt., FRRO and Deputy Director/Delhi Police Academy, Delhi/New Delhi.
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Annexure-A

DELHI POLICE PRAHARI SCHEME

PRAHARI ENROLMENT FORM

SL. No. _____ POLICE STATION _____ DISTRICT _____

DETAILS OF PRAHARI

1. Name (with alias, if any) _____

2. Father's Name _____

3. Mother's Name _____

4. Place & Date of Birth _____

5. Education: _____

Photograph

6. Language spoken _____

7. Address:
(1) Present:

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_____
_____Tel._____

(2) Permanent:

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8. Details of identification proof like Ration Card/Driving Licence/Photo ID Card, if any _____

9. Name, Address & Mobile Number of the Sarpanch:

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10. Name & address of employer in Delhi _____

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Tel. No. _____

Date since when employed

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11. Name, Phone Number & Local Address of Relatives & Friends in Delhi.

(1)_____

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(2)

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(3)

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Signature Applicant/Prahari

Consent of the Employer:

I/we hereby give my/our consent that Shri/Smt./Km. _____ _____, employed by me/us as a Security Guard/Chowkidar may be enrolled as a Prahari under the Delhi Police Prahari Scheme, while still serving with us as a Security Guard/Chowkidar, and that I/we have no objection about the same.

Signature of the Employer or
Authorized Signatory of RWA/ MWA

Annexure-B

DELHI POLICE PRAHARI SCHEME

LOCAL ENQUIRY REPORT

Name of Beat Officer with rank: _____

Belt No. _____PIS No. _____Mobile No._____

Police Station _____District _____

1. Result of verification from CRO:

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2. Result of verification from previous employers (to be done by the Beat Officer):

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Result of verification from the concerned Police Station of previous employer (to be done by Beat Officer) :

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3. Details of Enrolment Form sent to the SHO of Home Town/Permanent Address:

PS _____District _____ State _____

Dispatch No. _____ Date _____

4. Result of verification from home town /Date & details of verification received from home town :

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(Signature of Beat Officer)

(Signature of SHO)

Annexure-C

Front Side

PRAHARI SCHEME



IDENTITY CARD No.

PRAHARI No.

Name:

Son/Daughter of:

P.S.:

District:

Date of Issue:

Photograph

Sign of Issuing Authority with Stamp

The Card Holder is not a police officer, but he is engaged in voluntary service of Delhi Police Prahari Scheme.

Back Side

Identification Marks:

Date of Birth:

Signature of Holder:

Thumb Impression:

In case found, drop this card in nearest letter box or hand over to the nearest police station. Unauthorized use of this card may attract penal action.

Annexure-D

DELHI POLICE PRAHARI SCHEME

PRAHARI REGISTER

1.	Sl. No.		PHOTO
2.	Name, present address and mobile No. of Prahari		
3.	Name, address & telephone no. of employer		
4.	Permanent Address of Prahari		
5.	Details of identity proof of himself and family members		
6.	Name and address of previous employer, if any		
7.	Name and number of the Beat Officer who conducted local enquiry		
8.	Gist of Enquiry Findings		
9.	Identity Card No. of the Prahari		
10.	Remarks, if any		