

H.P. HOME GUARD ORGANISATION

Himachal Pradesh Home Guard Organization was created in 1962. The Home Guards are volunteers drawn from various sections of the society. The aim of setting up Home Guard organization was to infuse spirit of service, courage and patriotism amongst the people and to channelise their energies in maintenance of law and order and socio-economic improvement of the State. All the able bodied, generally un-employed, persons who are in the age group of 18-50 years and fulfill the prescribed physical and educational standards are eligible to be enrolled as Home Guard volunteers.

ORGANISATION:

Authorised Strength of Home Guard Volunteers (2013-14):-

The Government of India has authorized 8000 Home Guard volunteers to this State. 7748 Home Guards volunteers were on roll during the year 2013-2014. The State has 12 Battalions on Home Guards. The Battalion wise authorized strength is as under:-

<u>Sr. No.</u>	<u>Name of District/Battalion</u>	<u>Authorised Strength</u>
1.	Kinnaur Battalion No. I	542
2.	Shimla Battalion No. II	694
3.	Shimla Battalion No. III	617
4.	Nahan Battalion No. IV	667
5.	Bilaspur Battalion No. V	603
6.	Mandi Battalion No. VI	885
7.	Kullu Battalion No. VII	720
8.	Chamba Battalion No. VIII	731
9.	Dharamshala Battalion No. IX	917
10.	Hamirpur Battalion No. X	510
11.	Solan Battalion No. XI	604
12.	Una Battalion No. XII	510
	Total:-	<u>8000</u>

OPERATION:

During the year 2013-14, Home Guard volunteers were deployed with Police to maintain law and order, traffic and patrolling duties, guarding of vital installations, manning of Treasuries/Sub-Treasuries, maintenance of law & order during fairs and festivals and besides security duties at temples and Zonal Hospitals. In addition to this women Home Guard volunteers were also deployed for nursing duties in the Hospitals. They were also attached to Fire Stations to assist the fire staff in fire fighting operations.

The details regarding the deployment of Home Guards in the financial year 2013-2014 are as under:-

ROUTINE OPERATION DUTIES/ DEPLOYMENT OF HOME GUARD

(a)	To assist the Police in the maintenance of law and order including patrolling, traffic control and Guard duties.	1712
(b)	Treasury/Sub- Treasury Guard duties.	89
(c)	Battalion Kot Guard duties.	83
(d)	Messenger, Telephone Operations, Demonstration, Drivers and Administrative duties.	614
(e)	Firemen duty in the Fire Stations/Sub-Stations in the Pradesh.	262
(f)	Nursing duty in the District Hospitals.	194
(g)	H.P. Secretariat Security duty.	77
(h)	Service of Court processes in Police Stations in H.P.	156
(i)	Security of Temples.	188
(j)	Security duty in various Institutions, H.R.T.C. Workshop, Zonal Hospital, O.N.G.C. and H.R.T.C. Barrier etc.	681
(k)	Jail Warder Duty.	172
(l)	Security duty in HPSEB Electrical Sub-Station.	73
(m)	Special Guards.	13
(n)	Investigation wing duty in Police Stations.	823

OTHER DUTIES OF SHORT DURATION:

(a)	Watch and Ward duty during the Vidhan Sabha Sessions	333
(b)	Maintenance of law and order during Fairs & Festivals in the Pradesh.	4944
(c)	Republic Day, Independence Day and Himachal Pradesh Day Parade.	1175
(d)	Flood, Fire and snow Rescue Duty.	108
(e)	Lok Sabha/Vidhan Sabha Election duty.	2375
(f)	Home Guards and Civil Defence Raising Day.	117

ORGANISATIONS:

The sanctioned and posted strength of the regular staff is as under:-

(a) **Executive and non-ministerial staff as on 31-03-2014:-**

Sr. No.	Name of post	Sanctioned Strength	Posted Strength
1.	Commandant General	01	01
2.	Dy. Commandant General	01	01
3.	Senior Staff Officer (Admn.)	01	01
4.	Commandant (Training)CTI	01	01

5.	Jr. Staff Officer/Commandants	14	11
6.	Company Commander	19	13
7.	Platoon Commander	47	11
8.	Havildar Instructor	51	17 (On Contract basis)
9.	Radio Wireless Operator	01	--
10.	Radio Wireless Mechanic	01	--
11.	Bandman-cum-Guardman	18	05
12.	Quarter Guard Naik/ L. Naik/Quarter Guard HGs.	--	5posts in abeyance
13.	Havildar Armourer.	01	--
	Total	156	61

(b) Sanctioned and posted strength of Ministerial Staff is as under (As on 31- 03- 2014:-

Sr. No.	Name of post	Sanctioned Strength	Posted Strength
1.	Superintendent Grade-I	01	01
2.	Superintendent Grade-II	15	10
3.	Personal Assistant	01	--
4.	Senior Assistant	25	25
5.	Junior Scale Stenographer	01	01
6.	Steno-Typist	04	03
7.	Clerks	59	27
8.	Drivers	32	05
9.	Peon.	39	18
10.	Chowkidar.	79	42
11.	Storeman	10	03
12.	Carpenter	01	--
13.	Compounder	01	--
14.	Tailor	02	01
15.	Mali	01	01
16.	Cleaner	12	03
17.	Cook.	16	12
18.	Langari.	04	--
19.	Dhobi.	11	03

20.	Sweeper.	04	04 (2 Regular & 2 Daily Wage)
21.	Barber.	01	01
21.	Cobbler.	04	--
23.	Water Carrier.	--	01 post in abeyance
	Total	323	160

At present there are 12 Home Guard Battalions, located one each at District Headquarters except Lahaul and Spiti District, where only one Company strength of Home Guard volunteers is stationed drawing from the Kullu Battalion, while Shimla District has 2 Battalions. The Training Institute of Home Guards and Civil Defence is located at Junga with a Sub-unit at Advance Training Centre, Baggi District Mandi (HP). Each Battalion has a training centre where basic and refresher courses are given to the volunteers.

TRAINING:

Regular and effective training is necessary for every Organization and it is particularly all the more essential for a uniform service. As such emphasis was laid on the training techniques and supervision on the part of supervisory officers. During the year 2013-14, 249 Home Guard volunteers who were recruited and imparted Basic training. Refresher training was imparted to 3802 volunteers at Battalion Training Centres. 587 Home Guard volunteers were trained at Central Training Institute, Junga and Advance Training Centre, Baggi in Junior Officers/Junior Instructor Course, Advance Course, Disaster Relief, Physical Training, Un-armed Course and Weapon and Tactice Course, 582 Home Guards were deputed for training Instructor and administrative duties during the Refresher camp organized at the Battalion Training Centres in Himachal Pradesh.

PENSIONARY/EX-GRATIA GRANT AND OTHER BENEFITS:

The Himachal Pradesh Government sanctioned a matching grant of Rs.1,45,000/- to the Himachal Pradesh Home Guards and Civil Defence Benevolent fund in the year 2013-2014. A sum of Rs.3,15,085/- were granted to the families of deceased Home Guard volunteers out of welfare fund on account of funeral/medical reimbursement and for the welfare of Home Guards volunteers during the year 2013-14.

REMUNERATION:

No enhancement in the duty allowance of Home Guards have been made during the year 2013-14.

AWARDS:

The President of India awarded 1 Home Guard and Civil Defence Medals for Distinguished Services and 6 for Meritorious Service to the Home Guard personnel during the year 2013-14.

BUDGET:

Total sanctioned budget to the Home Guard department for the year 2013-2014 was as follows:-

Sr. No.	Budget Head:- 2070 - Other Administrative Services		Total	
	107 - Home Guards-01, 02 & 03	796- Tribal Sub-Plan		
1	01-Salary	105231000	6163000	111394000
2	02-Wages	93611000	8099000	101710000
3	03-Trv.Exp.	378000	24000	402000
4	05-Office Exp.	3109000	326000	3435000
5	06-Medical Reimbursement	1213000	39000	1252000
6	07-Rent Rate	1449000	63000	1512000
7	09-Adv.Pub.	109000	0	109000
8	15-Training	105000	6000	111000
9	20-Other Charges	255000	0	255000
10	30-Motor Vehicle	3043000	124000	3167000
11	33-Material & Supply	2665000	16000	2681000
12	64-Trnsfer Exp.	50000	13000	63000
G. Total		211218000	14873000	226091000

Besides above, the HP Government has provided/allocated an budget amount of Rs.1,00,00,000/- under Demand No.10 of Head of Account-4059-01-051-27(State Plan) for 2nd phase construction work of Central Training Institute at Sargeen and budget amount of Rs.7,03,000/- under Demand No.7 Head of account 2059-01-053-21 Soon (Non-Plan) for maintenance of Home Guards building during the year 2013-14.

H. P. CIVIL DEFENCE

The Civil Defence Organisation in Himachal Pradesh acts as an adjunct to the Home Guards Department. Until 1962 the policy of the Government of India was mainly confined to make the States and Union Territories conscious of the need for the Civil Defence measures and to keep Civil Defence plans prepared for major Cities and Towns. The Indo-Pak War of 1965 led to rethinking about the policy and scope of Civil Defence and revised Civil Defence policy was put in place. The usefulness of Civil Defence organization was tested during war with Pakistan in December 1971 when it acquitted itself commendably and has been maintaining its preparedness ever since then.

AIMS AND OBJECT OF CIVIL DEFENCE:-

- (a) To Protect/Save life.
- (b) To minimize damage to property.
- (c) To maintain continuity of production uninterruptedly.
- (d) To maintain the morale of general public.

As approved by the Government of India, Shimla is the only Civil Defence town in the State. The State capital is also categorized as one among 100 multi hazards towns in the country. At present 568 Civil Defence volunteers including Home Guard volunteers earmarked for Civil Defence services in Civil Defence Town Shimla, are on the roll of the Civil Defence Organisation, who are trained in Civil Defence measures.

ORGANISATION:

Sr.No.	Staff(Regular)	Authorised	Held	vacant
1	Civil Defence Instructor.	01	NIL	01
2	Wireless Operator.	01	NIL	01
3	Wireless Machenic.	01	NIL	01
4	Clerk.	01	NIL	01

5	Driver.	04	NIL	04
Staff Position(Honorary Civil Defence Warden/volunteers):				
1	Wardens.	140	69	71
2	C.D.Volunteers.	684	473	211

ADMINISTRATION:

(a) 320 Civil Defence Volunteers attended 12 meeting during the year and performance is Good.

(b) C. D. Lecture and Mock exercise were conducted as per detail given below:-

Sr.No.	Name of Institute where lecture delivered.	dated	No of participant
1	Himachal Pradesh High Court.	26-07-2013 & 27-07-2013	500
2	Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha.	18-09-2013	250
3	Princeton School, BCS Shimla.	21-09-2013	500
4	G.S.S.School, Dhami.	25-09-2013	400
5	G.S.S.School, Portmore.	08-10-2013	500
6	The Ridge Shimla.	13-10-2013	General people in Shimla Town.
7	G.S.S.School, Junga	23-11-2013	400

BUDGET:

Total sanctioned budget to Civil Defence department for the year 2013-2014 was as follows:-

Sr. No.	Budget Head:-2070 – OAS 106- Civil Defence 01 HQ & -02 Distt. Staff C 25N-C.S.S. 25%(Normal)	Current	Total Allocation
1	01-Salary	6,51,000	6,51,000
2	02-Wages	44,000	44,000
3	03-Trv.Exp.	2,000	2,000

4	05-Office Exp.	54,000	54,000
5	06-Medical Reimbursement	11,000	11,000
6	15-Training	2,000	2,000
7	30-Motor Vehicle	64,000	64,000
8	33-Material & Supply	5,46,000	5,46,000
	G Total:-	13,74,000	13,74,000
Sr.	Budget Head:-2070 – OAS	Current	Total Allocation
No.	106- Civil Defence -01 HQ & 02 Distt. Staff S 75N-C.S.S. 75%(State share normal)		
1	01-Salary	2,85,4000	2,85,4000
2	02-Wages	1,83,000	1,83,000
3	03-Trv. Exp.	1,000	1,000
4	05-Office Exp.	1,41,000	1,41,000
5	06-Medical Reimbursement	32,000	32,000
6	07-Rent Rate	42,000	42,000
7	15-Training	4,000	4,000
8	30-Motor Vehicle	56,000	56,000
9	33-Material & Supply	35,000	35,000
	G Total:-	33,48,000	33,48,000