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ROLE AND TASK OF ARMY, POLICE & CAPF

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ARMED FORCES

LESSON PLAN AF 1

(Part 4)

INTRODUCTION

The primary role of the services is to ensure national security and territorial integrity, defending the nation from external aggression and internal threats, and maintaining peace and security within its borders. It conducts humanitarian rescue operations during natural calamities and other disturbances, and also requisitioned by the government to cope with internal threats.

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In a similar manner primarily central armed police forces and police are meant for national security and for maintenance of public order as well as peace and harmony with in country. During the time of need the Armed Forces are employed in Aid to Civil Authorities if situation is beyond control of CAPF and police forces.

The Army since independence has taken part in the following major operations:

- (a) Kashmir Operations against Pakistan 1947-48.
- (b) Sino-Indian War in NEFA (Arunachal) and Ladakh 1962
- (c) Indo-Pak war 1965.
- (d) Indo-Pak war 1971.
- (e) Sri Lanka 1987-1990 (Operation Pawan).
- (f) Kargil War 1999 (Operation Vijay).

Command and Control

The Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army) functions under the Ministry of Defence and is located at New Delhi. Command HQs have field formations and static formations under them to execute the role and tasks assigned.

Field Formations

These are the field forces for the battle, grouped into following three categories:

(a) Corps

Commanded by an officer of the rank of Lieutenant General. It has 3-4 Divisions under its command. The Corps are of two types depending on their role:

- (i) “Holding” (Defensive) Corps.
- (ii) “Strike” (Offensive) Corps.

(b) Divisions

Commanded by an officer of the rank of Major General.
It has 3-4 Brigades under its command.

(c) Brigades

Commanded by an officer of the rank of Brigadier. It has
3-4 Battalions under its command. Each Battalion has six
companies commanded by a Company Commander.

Static Formations

Area Headquarters, Sub Area Headquarters and Station Headquarters are commanded by an officer of the rank of Lieutenant General, Major General and Brigadier respectively. These formations are extended all over the country and look after the infrastructural assets, lines of communication logistics, administration and all civil-military matters.

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