

(x) **Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal:**

The medal was instituted vide Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India Notification No.11024/05/2018-PMA dated 23rd July, 2018 to be conferred on Members State/UT Police Forces, Central Police Organizations (CPOs)/Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Security organizations throughout the Indian Union to recognize only those operations, which have high degree of planning, high significance for the security of the country/State/UT and have significant impact on security of large sections of the society. The award shall be considered for Special Operation in the areas such as terrorism, border action, arms control, prevention of narcotics smuggling and rescue operations. Union Home Minister is Competent for approval of recommendations to be finalized by the committee.

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, 23rd July, 2018

F.No.11024/05/2018-PMA - The Home Minister is pleased to institute the "Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal" to be conferred on members of State/UT Police Forces, Central Police Organisations (CPOs)/Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Security organisations throughout the Indian Union in consideration for excellence in special operations and to make, ordain and establish the following statutes governing them, which shall be deemed to have effect from the date of their notification.

UNION HOME MINISTER'S SPECIAL OPERATION MEDAL.

Firstly: The award shall be in the form of a medal and styled and designated as the "Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal" (hereinafter referred to as the Medal).

Secondly: The Medal shall be circular in shape, made of cupro-nickel, one and three eighth inches in diameter weight shall be same as "Police (Special Duty) Medal" and shall have embossed on the obverse the symbol of "face of Sardar Patel" in the Centre with the words "जय भारत" inscribed below and shall have engraved on the upper edge, the words "राष्ट्र प्रहरी" (in Hindi) and the words "Sentinel of the Nation" (in English) inscribed on the lower edge. Hindi and English inscription shall be separated by a small Star appearing on either side. On the reverse, it shall have embossed the State Emblem in the centre and words "केन्द्रीय गृहमंत्री विशिष्ट ऑपरेशन पदक" (in Hindi) and "Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal" (in English) on the upper and lower edge respectively. The words "सत्यमेव जयते" (In Hindi) shall be embossed below the State Emblem. The State Emblem and the writings around it, shall be encircled by a wreath.

Thirdly: The Medal shall only be awarded on successful conduct of operations of a significant nature or scale, having direct bearing or impact on security of State/UT, region or country, or for participation in major rescue operations, to personnel, irrespective of ranks/categories/service, who have either participated in such special operation or in any way assisted in a special operation as members of State/UT Police Forces, CPOs/CAPF and Security organisations within the territory of India or outside the country during their posting on deputation to Ministry of External Affairs for fighting anti-insurgency/ anti-national elements, internal/border security, etc.

Approved
23/7/18

Fourthly: The name of police personnel whom this medal is awarded may be ~~published in the Gazette of India. Excluding the members of the intelligence organizations~~ of the State/UT Police Forces/ CPOs/CAPFs and a Register of such names may be kept by such authority as the Ministry of Home Affairs may direct.



Fifthly: Each medal shall be suspended from the left breast with a riband, of an inch and three eighth in width, shall be, half yellow and half silver white, the two colours being separated by a vertical blue line 1/8" in width.

Sixthly: An individual qualifying for the medal for the first time shall be awarded the medal and on all subsequent occasions when qualifying, shall be awarded a bar to the medal.

Seventhly: It shall be competent for the Union Home Minister to cancel and annul the award to any person of the above decoration and that there upon his name in the Register shall be erased and Medal shall stand forfeited. It shall, however, be competent for the Union Home Minister to restore any Medal, which may have been so forfeited, to the person. Every person to whom the said Medal is awarded shall, before receiving the same, enter into an agreement, to return the medal if his name is erased as aforesaid. Notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Gazette of India.

Eighthly: It shall be competent for the Ministry of Home Affairs to make rules to carry out the purpose of these statutes.

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Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of India

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Ministry of Home Affairs

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, 23rd July, 2018

F.No.11024/05/2018-PMA - In accordance with the Statute 'eighthly' of the statutes relating to the award of the "Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal" for excellence in operations the following rules governing them are notified:-

UNION HOME MINISTER'S SPECIAL OPERATION MEDAL

1. Recommendations for award to Police personnel will be made on the ground of either participation in special operations including major rescue operations or in any way assisting in special operations as members of State/UT Police Forces, Central Police Organisations (CPOs)/Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Security organisations within the territory of India or outside the country during their posting on deputation to MEA for fighting anti-insurgency/anti-national elements, internal/border security, etc.
2. All the recommendations shall state the name and rank of the person recommended, the name of the Police Force, or the Unit of the CPOs/CAPFs and Security organisations of which he is or was a Member and particulars of Special Operation for which the grant of the Medal is recommended.
3. There should be no limit on the number of Medals to be awarded for special operations in a year.
4. The medal is liable to be forfeited when the holder is guilty of disloyalty, cowardice in action or such conduct as in the opinion of the Union Home Minister, brings the force into disrepute.
5. The announcement of the Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal may be made on any suitable date as decided by MHA in consultation with State/UT/CAPF/Security organizations. The recommendation for the award should reach MHA within three months of the special operation.
6. A two tier screening procedure will be followed for selection of candidates as detailed below:
 - a) Head of the organisation will constitute a committee of senior level officers for screening of nominations at the organization/State level to select the nominees and send the recommendation to MHA.

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b) A Committee in MHA will screen all the nominations and recommend for award. Director, IB would be a member of the selection committee under the Chairmanship of Home Secretary, and 2 DsGP of States/UTs by rotation in alphabetical order and 1 DG of a CAPF by rotation (the larger organisation would be given preference) in the committee every year.

c) The Union Home Minister will be the Competent authority to approve the final list of awardee recommended by the Selection Committee of MHA.

7. A certificate (Scroll) signed by the Union Home Minister will be awarded to each winner alongwith the Medal.

8. The Ministry may lay down standard operating procedure (SOP) for giving effect to these Rules.

9. In case of any dispute or complaint arising in connection with the award of the Medal, the decision of the Union Home Minister shall be final.



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No.11024/05/2018-PMA
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs / Grih Mantralaya
Police Division-I
(PMA Cell)

New Delhi, Dated, the 14th August, 2020

To,

1. The Home Secretaries of all States/UTs
2. DsGP of all States/UTs
3. Directors-IB/CBI/SVPNPA/SPG/NEPA/NICFS/CFSL/DCPW
4. DsG-BSF/CRPF/ITBP/CISF/NSG/RPF/BPR&D/SSB/NCB/NDRF/Assam Rifles(Through LoAR) & NIA

Subject : **Amendment in Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Award of "Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal"**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No.11024/07/2017-PMA dated 6th August, 2018 on the subject cited above and to say that Para-2(i), 3 and 5(a) be substituted as under :

Para-2(i): To recognize only those operations, which have high degree of planning, high significance for the security of the country/ State/UT and have significant impact on security of large sections of the society. The award shall be considered for Special Operation in the areas such as counter terrorism, border action, arms control, prevention of narcotics smuggling and rescue operations.

Para-3 : In a year, only 3 Special Operations will be considered for award. In exceptional circumstances, the award may be given ^{up} to 5 Special operations only to encourage State/ UT police.

Para-5(a) : Only successful conduct of those operations which have high degree of planning, high significance for the security of the country/ State/UT and have significant impact on security of large sections of the society. The award shall be considered for Special operations in the areas such as counter terrorism, border action, arms control, prevention of narcotics smuggling and rescue operations and as validated by the Committee at MHA level.


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