

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

HOME GUARDS AND CIVIL DEFENCE DEPARTMENT

CITIZEN'S CHARTER

ORGANIZATION – HOME GUARDS:

A new organization of volunteers called "Home Guards" was started in Bombay in 1946, primarily to assist the Police in the maintenance of law and order and in the restoration of peace and tranquility during times of civic unrest such as riots and strikes. In 1959 the Government of India felt the need to bring about uniformity in several voluntary organizations like the Home Guards Organisation through the country. The Government of Karnataka enacted the Home Guards Act in the year 1962 and sanctioned the establishment of Home Guards organization in all the districts of Karnataka State. The Government also framed the Home Guards Rules in 1963, applicable throughout the state, prescribing the duties and functions, powers and privileges of the Home Guards.

At present the Home Guards organization is functioning in all the 30 districts of the state. The membership of the organization is voluntary and open to all citizens who are physically fit and willing to work with a free will for the service of community without expecting any thing form the community during their spare time under the motto "NISKAMA SEVA". The basic qualification prescribed is a 4th standard in any language and in the age group of 20 to 50 years.

Selection of the members is made by a committee consisting of the Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police and DDPI of the concerned district after verification of character antecedents of the candidates by the police.

In the case of the District Commandants the Government makes the appointment from among the candidates not affiliated to any political party. The basic qualification prescribed is a graduation and shall not be more than 50 years of age apart from being apolitical, resident of the District Headquarters and physically fit.

Home Guards and Civil Defence Directorate functions under the Home Secretariat of Government of Karnataka. The DGP and Commandant General, Home Guards and Director, Civil Defence is the head of the department for both Home Guards and Civil Defence Departments.

NEED FOR A CHARTER:

The charter of Home Guards Department is to showcase the services rendered by this department to the law enforcement machinery of the Government in particular and the public in general. The department is striving hard to enroll, train and deploy large number of trained Home Guards for various law and order duties as requested by police authorities time and again and also during natural calamities like floods, earthquakes, land slides etc.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARTER:

- To enlighten the public about the services rendered by the department during crises.
- To attract more volunteers to this department to serve the country.

SERVICES RENDERED BY THIS DEPARTMENT:

Karnataka Home Guards Department renders the following services: -

- Save lives and property of the people during exigencies.
- Provide the required number of Home Guards to assist the police authorities and District administration for law and order duties, election bandobust duties, festivals, jathra's etc., and rescue the people during natural calamities such as floods, landslides, cyclones and earthquakes.
- Provide the Home Guards to regulate the traffic in Bangalore City and thereby assist the traffic police in the smooth flow of the traffic.
- Provide Home Guards to the excise department, in curbing the menace of illicit liquor and assist the excise officials in checking the movement of liquor during elections. This helps in conducting free and fair elections.
- Provide Home Guards to the Food Corporation of India depots for guarding the FCI Godowns spread through out the state.

- The Home Guards are also deployed at RTO's and Prisons Departments through out the state for the smooth functioning of Government machinery as there is acute shortage of manpower existing in these departments.
- The Home Guards are also provided to guard the public buildings.
- To provide Home Guards for patrolling for the purpose of prevention of crime and enforcement of such regulation and orders made under the police act in force in the respective areas of the state.
- To provide Home Guards for internal security duties.
- To provide Home Guards for youth services department
- To provide Home Guards for All India Radio and Prasara Bharathi for guarding duty.
- To provide Home Guards to the Government Hospitals to monitor the flow of public and safeguard the hospital properties.
- To provide Home Guards to Geology and mines department
- To provide Home Guards for Green Policing duty at the important Historical places in the state.
- Conduct Mock Drills at frequent intervals at various locations in Bangalore City and other places in the State to enlighten the public over looming terrorist threat and its impending disasters and how to minimize the damages to the barest minimum by acclimatizing them to the consequences and how to overcome it.

CASE STUDY:

Karnataka Home Guards are known for their significant performance in Rescue operation during major disasters. To quote a few occasions are: -

- 1) Venus Circus tragedy in Bangalore City.
- 2) The liquor tragedy in Bangalore
- 3) Gangaram seven storied building collapse tragedy
- 4) Marenahalli building collapse tragedy
- 5) Indian Airlines crash in Bangalore
- 6) Flood Rescue operations during heavy monsoon in the coastal Districts in Karnataka and also during unseasonal flood havoc caused in the interiors of Karnataka

AIM OF THIS DEPARTMENT:

- To enroll and train the authorised number of Home Guards so that required number of Home Guards can be deployed for duty as and when required by the administrative machinery of the state as well as Central Governments.
- To provide various training to Home Guards at the district as well as at the Home Guards and civil Defence Academy, Bangalore so that Home Guards are trained in various aspects such as fire fighting, watermanship, handling explosives substances and others. These trained Home Guards are an asset during crises of various nature.

TRAININGS:

The Home Guards are given basic training in drill with and without arms, weapons training, fire range discipline, crowd control, field craft patrolling, map reading etc. The following advanced training courses are provided to the Home Guards at the Home Guards and Civil Defence, Bangalore.

- 1) Orientation Course to District Commandants.
- 2) Leadership Course
- 3) First Aid Course
- 4) Wireless Operators Course
- 5) Basic Watermanship Course
- 6) Fire Fighting Course
- 7) Disaster Management first responders course for Home Guards
- 8) Traffic Law and Order Course
- 9) Advance Rescue Course
- 10) Leadership Course for Women Home Guards
- 11) All India Watermanship Course
- 12) Communication Course
- 13) Advance Flood Rescue Course
- 14) Home Guards Instructors / Asst. Instructors refresher course

ALLOWANCES:

Home Guards volunteers in Karnataka are paid various allowance at the rates shown hereunder.

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| 1) Duty and Training Allowance | Rs. 300/- per day per head in Bangalore City

Rs. 250/- per day per head in other places |
| 2) Parade Allowance | Rs. 22.50 per parade per head |
| 3) Washing Allowance while on training / Duty | Rs. 5/- week |
| 4) Traveling Allowance | As applicable to regularly paid Government servants equating the ranks of Home Guards to the paid Government servants |

EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS:

Ex-gratia payments to the Home Guards who die while on duty / training has been enhanced from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 1,00,000/- with effect from 01-03-2005.

UNIFORM:

The members of Home Guards in Karnataka are provided free uniform at the scale as prescribed by the Government of India and approved by the State Government.

VISION:

- To establish district training centres in all the districts to cater to the local training requirements of the district.
- To enroll and train the volunteers as per allotted strength and discharge these volunteers after the completion of their term, so as to induct freshers again and provide required training so that with the passage of time all the citizens of the country are trained in phased manner and kept as reserve for utilization during emergencies.

- To purchase necessary equipment such as boats, searchlights necessary to face disasters such as floods cyclones etc.

OUR EXPECTATION OF YOU:

- Eligible citizens are welcome to this organization to be enrolled as Home Guards to serve the country.
- Co-operate during mock drills conducted by this department at various location in the Bangalore city as well as in the district.
- As this a voluntary organization of the people, by the people and for the people the response from the public in becoming a voluntary member of this noble organization should be at it highest peak.

List of Telephone Numbers of the O/o the Commandant Home Guards of all the districts

Sl no	Name of the District	Office Telephone Number
1.	Bangalore Urban	080-22341020
2.	Bangalore Rural	080-23142542
3.	Bangalore Central	080-22340447
4.	Bagalkote	08354-233859
5.	Belgaum	0831-2420451
6.	Bellary	08392-276421
7.	Bidar	08482-225397
8.	Bijapur	08352-250039
9.	Chickmagalur	08262-235379
10.	Chitradurga	08194-231403
11.	Chamarajanagar	08226-225856
12.	Chikkaballapur	08156-270916
13.	Davangere	08192-255784
14.	Dharwad	0836-2442496

15.	Dakshina kannada	0824-2220562
16.	Gadag	08372-245350
17.	Gulbarga	08472-245735
18.	Hassan	08172-240690
19.	Haveri	08375-236160
20.	Kodagu	08272-228427
21.	Kolar	08152-222079
22.	Koppal	08539-200708
23.	Mandya	08232-220125
24.	Mysore	0821-2542877
25.	Raichur	08532-221679
26.	Ramanagar	080-27272265
27.	Shimoga	08182-222630
28.	Tumkur	0816-2278460
29.	Udupi	0820-2535650
30.	Uttara kannada	08382-226361
31.	Yadgir	08473-250673

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS

- a) **State level:** At the state level Deputy Commandant General, Home Guards and Deputy Director, Civil Defence is the public information officer.
- b) **District level:** At the District level Commandant Home Guards of the District is the Public Information Officer. Deputy Commandant/ Instructor of the district is the Assistant Public Information Officer.

CIVIL DEFENCE

ORGANIZATION:

- ❖ The Civil Defence policy of the Government of India till the declaration of emergency in 1962 was confined to making the states and union territories conscious of the need for Civil Defence protection measures and to ask them to keep ready civil protection plans for major cities and towns under the emergency relief organization (ERO) scheme. However after the Chinese aggression in 1962 and Indo-pak conflict in 1965, the need of a well organized Civil Defence set up was felt. The Civil Defence policy as it exists today, was evolved and the Civil Defence legislation enacted by parliament in 1968.
- ❖ The Civil Defence organization came into existence in Karnataka in the year 1968. The Civil Defence organization is governed by:
 - 1) Defence Act 1968
 - 2) Civil Defence rules 1968
 - 3) Civil Defence regulations 1968
 - 4) Revised master plan for Civil Defence 2003, by DGCD, MHA, New Delhi.
 - 5) Compendium of Instructions issued by MHA, New Delhi.

CONCEPT:

- Civil Defence is essentially the defence of the citizen, by the citizen and it is not the defence of the civil population by the military.
- It concerns about the general public and the local authority which assures civilian character.
- Defence is a military term and always progressive.
- Defence must always be well – planned.
- Civil Defence is organized on a voluntary basis.

FUNCTIONS:

- To protect life and property of general public during war or natural calamities.
- To involve Civil Defence volunteers in rescue, rehabilitation and relief work – effects of war.

CATEGORIZATION OF CIVIL DEFENCE TOWNS IN KARNATAKA:

- The Government of India have categorized the following towns as Civil Defence – II towns.

- 1) Bangalore
- 2) Mallapur (Uttara Kannada District)
- 3) Shakthi Nagar (Raichur District)

COMMAND AND CONTROL:

- a) **Central Level:** Director General, Civil Defence under Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi is responsible for formulating Civil Defence policies and for co-ordination.
- b) **State Level:** The Civil Defence organization is headed by “Director, Civil Defence” in the rank of Director General of Police, assisted by “Additional Director” in the rank of Inspector General of Police and “Deputy Director” in the rank of Superintendent of Police besides other officers and supporting staff.
- c) **District Level:** The Commissioner of Police, Bangalore City has been appointed as controller of Civil Defence for Bangalore City. The Deputy Commissioner of Uttara Kannada and Raichur districts have been appointed as controllers for Mallapur and Shakthi Nagar, Civil Defence Towns respectively.

VOLUNTEERS:

In Bangalore city –	9200
In Mallapur –	429
In Shakthi Nagar –	544

Total -	10173

WARDEN SERVICE IN BANGALORE CITY:

The Warden Service in Bangalore City consists of the following officers.

Chief Warden	-	01
Dy. Chief Warden	-	01
Divisional Warden	-	31
Dy Divisional Warden	-	10
Post Warden	-	40
Sector Warden	-	9117

Total	-	9200

LIST OF DIVISIONAL WARDENS OF BANGALORE CITY

Sl. No.	CD Divisions No.	Area of the Divisions (Police Station limits)	Name of Divisional Wardens
1.	01	City Market	Vacant
2.	02	Kalasipalya	Vacant
3.	03	Upparpet & Chickpet	Vacant
4.	04	Cattonpet & J.J. Nagar	Dr. M.S. Shariff
5.	05	Byatarayanapura, Jnana Bharathi & Rajarajeshwarinagar	Vacant
6.	06	Kengeri	N.Nanjunda swamy
7.	07	Vijayanagara & Chandra Layout	S. Mohan Rao
8.	08	Kamakshipalya & Basaveshwaranagar	Deviprasad Shetty
9.	09	Magadi Road & K.P. Agrahara	Sreevathsa. M
10.	10	Yeshvanthpur, RMC Yard, & Jalahalli	Vacant
11.	11	Rajajinagar	Mahavir Kumar Jain
12.	12	Sriramapuram	S.C. Bandari
13.	13	Soladevanahalli, Vidyaranyapuram & Gangamma Gudi	Vacant
14.	14	Malleswaram & Subramanya nagar	M.S. Rajesh
15.	15	Nandini Layout & Mahalakshmi puram	Vacant
16.	16	Peenya & Rajagopal Nagar	Vacant
17.	17	J.C. Nagar & R.T. Nagar	Mrs. Cheryl Rebello
18.	18	Sanjay Nagar & Hebbal	K.V. Srinivas
19.	19	Yelahanka, Yelahanka New Town, Kodigehalli	S.V.Rajendran
20.	20	Kothanur & Bagalur	Vacant
21.	21	Sampigehalli & Amrathahalli	Vacant
22.	22	International Airport, Devanahalli & Chikkejala	Dr. K.J. Davasia
23.	23	Ulsoor Gate & S.J. Park	Vacant
24.	24	S.R. Nagar & Wilson Garden	Vacant

25.	25	Ashoknagar	R.Prakash Reddy
26.	26	Viveknagar	Vacant
27.	27	Cubbon Park & Vidhana Soudha	Ansar Khan
28.	28	Sheshadripuram & High Grounds	Ajoy
29.	29	Sadashivanagar & Vyalikaval	Shiv Anand
30.	30	Subramanyapura, Banashankari & K.S. Layout	R. Shanthi Prasad
31.	31	Jayanagar	Pradeep Kumar Rao
32.	32	J.P. Nagar	Vacant
33.	33	Shankarapuram, Basavanagudi & Thyagarajanagar	Prof. R.L. Muralidharan
34.	34	Girinagar & Channammakere Achukatte	Shankar C.N
35.	35	Kempegowda nagar, & Hanumanthanagar	H.L.Sundara Murthy
36.	36	Central, Chamarajpet & Victoria Hospital	K.V. Amarnath
37.	37	Siddapura & Audugodi	Vacant
38.	38	Ulsoor, Indiranagar	Ms. Cavitha Mehra
39.	39	Jevvanbhimannagar, Byappanahalli & Mahadevapura	V.K. Kadam
40.	40	Frazer Town & D.J. Halli	Khalid Anjum
41.	41	Hennur & K.G. Jalli	N. Ramesh
42.	42	Ramamurthyannagar & Horamavu	K.V. Venkatesh
43.	43	Banaswadi & Kammanahalli	Lt. Col. K.C. Thomas (Retd)
44.	44	Bharathinagar, Commercial Street, Shivajinagar & Bowering Hospital	Vacant
45.	45	Madiwala & Koramangala	Vacant
46.	46	H.S.R. Layout & Parappana agrahara	Kumar Nair
47.	47	Tilaknagar & Mico Layout	Vacant
48.	48	Old Airport, HAL & Varthur	Vacant
49.	49	Kadugodi & Whitefield	Haresh Bharathan
50.	50	Hulimavu & Electronic City	Vacant
51.	51	K.R. Puram	Marthew Vergheshse

CIVIL DEFENCE CONTROL CENTRES:

Bangalore city has one Regional Civil Defence Control Centre located at Sheshadri Road, Bangalore. The main control centre is equipped with telephones lines, Non exchange lines EPABX, VHF and HF sets control centre at Mallapur and Shakthinagar have also been established recently and equipped with telephone line and VHF sets.

TRAINING:

Civil Defence Training is imparted to the Civil Defence volunteers, NCC, NSS, Scouts and Guides, employees of KPCL, Transport Department, Government Agencies like police, RPF etc at Home Guards and Civil Defence Academy, Bangalore. Lectures and Demonstrations on Civil Defence subject are also imparted at School and Colleges

ALLOWANCE:

- Allowance @ 150/- per head per day are being preferred and paid to the Civil Defence members attending the weekly meeting.
- Civil Defence volunteers are paid Rs. 150/- per head per day whenever the are called out for training.
- Actual travel expenses are being paid to the Civil Defence volunteers whenever they are deputed outside their headquarters for training or duty.

FINANCIAL POWERS:

- All the financial powers to incur expenses of Civil Defence Activities are vested with the Director, Civil Defence and Deputy Director, Civil Defence as per the existing delegation of financial powers.