

# **REGULATIONS FOR THE ARMY, (REVISED EDITION) 1987**

## **CHAPTER V**

### **RESERVE FORCES**

**201. Regulations For Reserve Forces.**—The Indian Reserve Forces Act, 1888, and the Indian Reserve Forces Rules, 1925, are the authority for the governance, discipline and regulations of the Reserve Forces of the Army.

**202. Composition of the Reserve.**—(a) The reserve is composed of JCOs, NCOs and Sepoys of all Arms and Services (including Gorkhas) transferred to the reserve by virtue of their reserve liability. The reserve liability for various ranks is as under: —

(i) JCOs on release/discharge from the regular Army Carry a reserve liability for five years or till attainment of fifty years of age, whichever is earlier.

(ii) Those NCOs who were enrolled in the regular Army prior to 01 Feb 76 and opted to be governed by the revised terms also carry the same reserve liability as those who were enrolled in the regular Army on or after 01 Feb 76 and were discharged in a substantive NCO rank.

(iii) Sepoys on completion of the colour service are transferred to the reserve for two years or till attainment of 40 years of age, whichever is earlier, in the case of Group I categories and for three years or till attainment of 46 years of age, whichever is earlier, in case of Group II categories.

(b) JCOs and OR will be transferred to the reserve in the substantive rank held by them at the time of transfer.

(c) Personnel discharged from service at their own request before completion of terms of engagement will also carry reserve liability for the periods specified for their respective ranks.

**203. Responsibility For Effecting Transfer to the Reserve-** OsC reservists are responsible for maintaining the establishment of reservists. Transfers to the reserve will be effected by OsC units in consultation with OsC reservists or Officer-in-Charge Records. Once a man has been transferred to the reserve he comes under the administration and disciplinary orders of the OC Reservists.

**204. Standards.**— All men transferred to the reserve must bear good character and be physically fit for field service.

**205. Certificates.**— Every person on transfer to the reserve will receive a Reservists Certificate (IAFY-1953). He will also be issued, if in need of civil employment, with an Introduction Card (X-32) to register his name with Employment Exchange, (See Appendix 'E').

**206. Reserve Centres.**— The following list shows the Reserve Centres for the various branches of reservists: —Branch of Reserve Reserve Centre Armoured Corps Armoured Corps Centre and School, Ahmednagar. Regiment of Artillery . Artillery Centre, Nasik Road, Camp.

Corps of Engineers . Madras Engineer Group, Bangalore Bengal Engineer Group, Roorkee Bombay Engineer Group, Kirkee Corps of Signals . Signal Training Centre, Jabalpur Infantry . . Infantry Regimental Centres. Army Service Corps All AT personnel and ASC Centre MT Drivers residing in the North North) Gaya All supply personnel ASC Centre and MT drivers (South) Bangalore residing in the South Army Medical Corps Army Medical Corps Centre,Lucknow. Army Ordnance Corps. Army Ordnance Corps Centre, Secunderabad, Corps of Electrical and Mechanical EME Centre, Secunderabad. Engineers. Remount and Veterinary Corps . RVC Centre and School, Meerut. Intelligence Corps . Intelligence Trg. School and Depot, Pune. Corps of Military Police . CMP Centre and School, Bangalore. Pioneer Corps . . Pioneer Corps Training Centre,Bangalore. Army Education Corps. AEC, Trg. College and Centre, Pachmarhi. Army Physical Training Corps APTC Centre and Depot, Pune APS Corps . . . APS Corps Centre, Kamptee.

**207. Address.**— A reservist will be instructed to report without delay any change in the address to the OC Reservists.

**208. Training.** — On a reservist being recalled to active service, if the training centre commandant feels the necessity of a short duration refresher training and time is available for such training the same may be organised before these personnel are despatched to the units or reinforcement camps.

**209. Failure to Attend When Called Up**— When a reservist fails to attend when called up for service or muster the OC reservists will institute enquiries. Unless a satisfactory explanation is forthcoming the man will be struck off the effective strength of the reserve. He will not be discharged from the service and may, it subsequently apprehended, be tried by court-martial or by the civil authorities for an offence under the Indian Reserve Forces Act, 1888, Section 6. Should his absence be due to a cause which renders his retention in the reserve undesirable, the OC reservists will take steps for his immediate discharge under the appropriate item of the table annexed to Army Rule 13. Should his absence be due to sickness, the OC reservists will arrange for him to be medically examined at the military hospital or reserve centre whichever is nearest his home in accordance with the Indian Reserve Forces Rules, 1925, Rule 8. If the reservist is found to be unfit for field service he will be brought before a medical board for discharge under the appropriate- item of the table annexed to Army Rule 13. A reservist who has been ordered to attend for medical examination and fails to do so, will be struck off the effective strength of the reserve. He will not be discharged from the service and may, if subsequently apprehended, be tried by court-martial or the civil authorities for an offence under the Indian Reserve Forces Act, 1888, Section 6.

**210. Medical Examinations.**— A medical examination will be carried out when a man is transferred to the reserve, also when a man is transferred from the reserve to the colours. The medical examination will be limited to ascertaining his fitness for further duty according to the reservist's length of service. Reservists will not be rejected for minor disabilities but only men who are physically and mentally fit for field service will be retained in the reserve.

**211. Equipment**— Training centres/units concerned will demand from ordnance depots personal arms/equipment and public clothing in accordance with the scales laid down in Complete Equipment Schedule/Equipment Table Schedule and Clothing Regulations respectively in sufficient time for these to be in position before the arrival of reservists.

Items of personal clothing and necessaries as listed in Clothing Regulations which the individual leaves with training centres/units at the time of transfer to reserve vide paragraphs 194 to 200 of Clothing Regulations and relevant Army Instructions issued from time to time will not be demanded from ordnance. Furniture and tentage as per normal OR scale is authorised for the reservists.

**212. Books.**— The OC reservists will maintain such of the books, laid down in para 610 as are appropriate, and in addition the following unit documents of a reservist: — Service and Casualty Form . . (IAFF—958) Field Conduct Sheet . . (IAFF—3013) Primary Medical Examination Report . (AFMSF—2A) Dental History Card . . .(AFMSF—12) Soldier's Personal Book . . . (TAB—64)

**213. Documents.** — When a man is brought on to the strength of the reserve establishment, his unit documents will be sent to the OC Reservists centre IAFZ-2039 being used.

**214. Re-Transfer From The Reserve To Army Service.** — A reservist may be recalled to Army Service on mobilisation. Reservists on recall will generally be employed as under:

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- (a) With training establishments and other static units and establishments,
  - (b) to replace low medical category personnel.
  - (c) with active units to provide reinforcements or make up existing deficiencies,

**215. Provision of Staff And Instructors.** — Additional staff for the purpose of administration of reservists, which will be authorised permanently on the establishment of the centres concerned will be calculated as per the following uniform scales and will be based on the total number of reservists held:

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(a) Scale for reservists governed by pre-Feb 1976 engagement terms

Reservists held	Staff to be authorised									
	JCO	Hav Maj	QM Hav	Hav Clerks	NK Clerks	NK Store-men	L/NK Store-men	L/NK Kot	Sep GD	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1—500	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	3
501—1000	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	4
1001—3000	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	2	..	7
3001—5000	1 (Nb Sub)	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	10
5001—and above	1 (Sub)	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	15

Instructional staff will be drawn from active units at the following scales:—

- (i) Basic military subjects and ..... 1 Instructor to 12 trainees under training non-technical trades. at any one time.
- (ii) Technical trades ..... 1 Instructor to 10 trainees under training.
- (iii) Rank structure ..... 1 Hav; 2 Nks; 2 L/Nks.
- (iv) Engineer groups will, in addition, be authorised, the following:—
  - 1 Hav per platoon (M and D).
  - 1 Nk/Lancenaik per 10 trainees/per shop (trade training).
  - 3 L/Dfrs will be authorised to the RVC Centre for additional administrative and instructional commitment.

(b) Scale for reservists governed by post-Feb 1976 engagement terms

Reservists Strength	Staff to be authorised						Total
	Hav Clerks	Naik Clerks	Naik Store-men	L/Nk Store-men	Naik Kot	L/Nk Kot	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1—250	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
251—500	..	1	1	..	1	..	3
501—1500	1	1	1	..	1	1	5
1501—2500	1	1	1	1	1	2	7
2501 and above	1	2	1	1	1	2	8

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**216. Recall on Mobilization.** —On mobilization reservists will be recalled to the colours under the procedure laid down in Mobilization Regulations. The method of recall will be made known clearly to a soldier at the time he is transferred to the reserve. OsC reservists will ensure that reservists are at all times aware

of the locality to which they are to proceed and the officer to whom they are to report on being called up for service.

**217- Reservists Accepting Civil Employment**—Before accepting civil employment a reservist must state that he is borne on the strength of the reserve.

**218. Reservists Leaving India.**—Reservists are not permitted to leave India except with the previous written permission of their OsC. No such permission will, however, be required in case of Gorkha reservists from Nepal who wish to return to that country. Failure to return to India in time will render them liable to trial by court-martial.

**219. Discharge of Army Reservists for Permanent Civil Employment and on Extreme Compassionate Grounds.**—The authority competent to authorize discharge may discharge individuals due to following reasons:— (a) Any reservist who is accepted for permanent civil employment or employed in a firm, in exceptional circumstances. (b) On extreme compassionate grounds.

**220. Discharge Certificate.**—On discharge, a reservist will give up his Reservist's Certificate (IAFY-1953) and an entry regarding his discharge from reserve service will be made in the Discharge Certificate (IAFY-1964) by the OC reservists (centre).