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SSB EXCELLING IN MAOIST DEN

On 08/05/2017 at around 1125 Hrs an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) was initiated by suspected Maoist on a patrolling party of COB Barrebeda led by Assistant Commandant Vivek Ojha at Km no. 67 of newly constructed Railway Line, when party was going to clear the railway track for working party of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). In that Constable (General Duty) Kailash Dahre has sustained splinter injuries and he has been evacuated for specialized treatment immediately. He administered the best treatment available at the Antagarh hospital and He is out of danger now. The Commandant and other official reached the spot and whole area is combed for searching. Moral of SSB troops is high.

For the purpose of security cover to railway tracks, 02 Battalions (24Th & 52nd) of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) have been deployed in the Balod and Kanker district of Chhattisgarh. Since, May and October 2014, respectively, the purpose of deployment is to guard and give protection for construction of Dalli Rajhara to Rowghat railway lines of 95 Kms. It is a joint venture of Indian Railways, State Govt and SAIL.

The area is a Maoist stronghold. The area has been identified as having huge reserves of iron ore and the construction of the railway line will facilitate transportation of Rowghat ore to Bhilai. Most of area covers under forests. Deforestation and acquisition clearance is big hurdle apart from area being Maoist hot beds.

In spite of all odds SSB's personnel deployed there are performing their duties with utmost care and vigilance adopting all techniques of serving against odds as well as against Maoist.

Since their deployment from May, 2014 the 17 Kms long stretch of railway lines laid and trail run of initial 17 Kms. from Dalli Rajhara to Gudum has successfully operationalised w.e.f 01/02/2016

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