The Coast Guard (Ceremonial) Rules, 1988

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PART II, SECTION IV

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

NOTIFICATION

Dated the 22nd November, 1988

S.R.O.- 15(E). In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) read with clause (m) of sub-section (2) of section 123 of the Coast Guard Act, 1978 (30 of 1978), the Central Govt. hereby makes the following rules regarding the ceremonials to be observed and marks of respect to be paid in the Coast Guard, namely :-

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The Coast Guard (Ceremonial) Rules, 1988

Chapter – I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and Commencement. - These rules may be called the Coast Guard (Ceremonial) Rules, 1988.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions. - In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,: —

a. "Act" means the Coast Guard Act, 1978 (30 of 1978);

b. "Coast Guard order" means an order issued by the Director General Coast Guard;

c. "Government" means the Central Government;

d. "Service" means the Indian Coast Guard Service;

e. All words and expressions used but not defined in these rules and defined in the Act shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Act.

3. Exercise of power vested in the holder of Coast Guard office. - Any power or jurisdiction given to, and any act or thing to be done by or before, any person holding any Coast Guard office for the purpose of these rules may be exercised by or done by or before, any other person for the time being authorised in that behalf according to the customs of the Service.

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STANDARDS AND DISTINGUISHING FLAGS

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4. The President. - (1) The National Flag will be hoisted on board ships in harbour, on official buildings and enclosures only when President is present. It will be hauled down at the moment of departure.

(2) Whenever the President embarks on any of the ships in harbour, the National Flag is to be hoisted at the mast or in the most conspicuous part of the ship.

(3) National Flag at Jack Staff. — On occasions when a ship is underway with the President embarked, such ship and all escorting ships shall wear the National Flag at the Jack staff and shall wear the Coast Guard ensign and National Flag continuously day and night.

5. A. Senior Officer's Flags. - The following flags shall be hoisted at the mast by entitled officers as their proper flags ; -

(i) Director General. - A blue flag with Coast Guard crest superimposed in the centre of the flag with three vertical stars in the upper, centre and lower cantons next to the fly.

(ii) Inspector General. - A blue flag with Coast Guard crest superimposed in the centre with two vertical stars in the upper and lower cantons next to the fly.

(iii) Deputy Inspector General, if Commanding a Coast Guard Region. - A blue flag with Coast Guard crest superimposed in the centre with one star in the centre next to the fly.

(iv) Deputy Inspector-General other than Regional Commanders. - A blue pennant with Coast Guard crest superimposed in the centre with one star in the centre next to the fly.

B. (i) Flags afloat. - Officers entitled to fly flags afloat are : Director-General, Inspector- General and Deputy Inspector- General in command of a Coast Guard Region.

(ii) Flags ashore. - Officers entitled to fly a flag ashore are : Director-General and Regional Coast Guard Commanders**.**

6. Flags and Pennants Displaced. - The President's flag shall always be worn at the mast, the flag/pennant of Director General/ Inspector-General/Deputy Inspector-General, if necessary, being shifted to another suitable location or ship as the case may require.

7. Flag half-masted. - (1) In the event of the death of the President, ships and establishments shall half-mast colours from the day on which intimation of the death is received and they shall remain at half-mast until sunset on the day of the funeral or as ordered.

(2) On the death of other dignitaries, orders concerning the ceremony to be observed shall be issued by the Director-General on each occasion. The usual procedure to be followed shall be for colours to be half-mast on the day of the funeral only.

8. Alternative positions for the hoisting of flags and ensigns. - (1) In ships with mast and superstructures that do not allow the hoisting of flags and ensigns at the customary or authorised positions, such flags may be hoisted at another mast or, if necessary, at the yardarm.

(2) Dressing-Lines. —When suitable centre-line positions cannot be provided aloft for dressing- lines blocks these should be sited at port or starboard yardarms as high as possible.

9. Mast Head Pennant. - (1) All ships in commission and when not wearing a flag or pennant, shall fly at the masthead a Coast Guard Pennant, a blue pennant of 9 cms length with 9 cms breadth at the head and 4.5 cms at the fly, with Coast Guard emblem superimposed at the distance of 15 cms from the head.

(2) If necessary, in order to avoid fouling radio aerials and other obstruction aloft, a shorter pennant may be flown, provided it can be easily seen at a short distance from the ship.

(3) At shore establishment in Commission, a masthead pennant shall be flown at the head of the flag staff when a flag staff is fitted.

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COLOURS

10. The President's Colours. - (1) The President's Colours shall be paraded on shore in India on the following occasions, namely: -

(a) by a Guard of Honour mounted for the President;

(b) on the Republic Day;

(c) on such important ceremonial occasions as may be ordered by the Director-General.

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(2) The President's Colours shall only be lowered to the President, foreign Sovereigns, Presidents of Republic States or Governors within their jurisdiction.

(3) The President's Colours when carried uncased shall be received at all times with the highest respect with arms presented, officers saluting and the band playing the National Anthem.

11. Coast Guard ensign ashore. - (1) On occasions of important ceremonial reviews or international Coast Guard displays ashore outside India, the Coast Guard ensign may be carried with Coast Guard landing parties at the discretion of the Senior Coast Guard officer present.

(2) In countries the Government of which is recognised by the Government of India, the Coast Guard ensign may be carried by Coast Guard detachments on the following important ceremonial occasions, namely:-

(a) when the Head of the State or his representative is present; or

(b) when the omission of the Coast Guard ensign might cause misunderstanding or offence.

(3) At the discretion of Director-General or Senior Coast Guard officer present, the Coast Guard ensign may be hoisted at a flag staff ashore in India or in a country the Government of which is recognised by the Government of India, on such occasions at the "Beating Retreat" or at the saluting base in a march past or review.

(4) The parading of Coast Guard ensign is unauthorised except for the occasions specified in sub-rules (1), (2) and (3).

12. Ships in commission. - (1) All Coast Guard Ships in commission shall wear the following colours : -

(a) A Coast Guard ensign. - A blue ensign with Coast Guard emblem at the centre towards the fly.

(b) The National Flag, which should be of smaller dimensions than the ensign; at the Jack staff when in harbour, at anchor or moored to a buoy or alongside. Ships in dock or ships in dockyard hands shall not wear the National Flag at the Jack staff.

(c) A pennant as specified in rule 9,

(2) Ships not in commission shall not wear colours except on occasion of their launch.

13. Wearing the Coast Guard ensign. - (1) The Coast Guard ensign shall be worn:-

(a) in harbour - at the ensign staff;

(b) at sea-at the ensign staff whenever possible, but in bad weather or whenever the ensign staff is not available, for reasons, such as the ship being cleared for action, and the like, it should be worn on a staff in a suitable position on the after superstructure.

(2) The Senior Officer present shall arrange for the necessary uniformity, especially as regards ships of the same class.

14. Colours - hoisting and hauling down. - (1) Ships shall hoist their colours (National Flag and Coast Guard ensign) at 0800 hours daily or as directed by the Senior Officer; they are to be worn throughout the day, subject to the weather or as the Senior Officer may direct, until sunset, when they shall be hauled down.

(2) When bands are ordered to play at the hoisting of the colours, they will play the Indian National Anthem.

(3) When in a foreign port, bands shall play the national anthem of the country in which the port is situated, immediately after the Indian National Anthem.

(4) When bands are not paraded, the bugle shall sound the general salute.

(5) If there is sufficient light for the ensign to be seen, it shall be hoisted earlier or later than provided in the preceding sub-rules, unless there is sufficient reason to the contrary, whenever a ship takes up her berth, or gets underway, or on her passing, meeting, joining or parting from any other Indian Coast Guard ship, or on her falling in with any other ship or ships at sea, or when in sight of, and near, the land and specially when passing or approaching forts, batteries, signal or Coast Guard Stations, light houses or towns.

15. Lowering flags. - Ships shall not on any account lower their flags to any foreign ships whatsoever, unless the foreign ships shall first, or at the same time, lower their flags to them.

16. Half-masting colours. - (1) Colours half-masted for a funeral or inter-ment on shore shall be lowered at the time the funeral procession is due to leave the place where the body has been lying and re-hoisted when sufficient time has elapsed for the cremation or interment.

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(2) When the body leaves a ship, the colours shall be lowered when the body is removed from where it had been lying on board the ship and re-hoisted when sufficient time has elapsed for the cremation or interment.

(3) For a funeral at sea, the colours shall be lowered when the body is removed from where it has been lying and re-hoisted when the funeral service is ended.

(4) When the body is being removed from a ship to await cremation or interment, colours shall not be half-masted, but the boat conveying it shall fly a boat's ensign at half-mast.

(5) When colours are ordered to be half-masted throughout the day, they shall be hoisted close up when colours are hoisted in the morning and immediately lowered to half-mast. At sunset, they shall first be hoisted close up and then lowered in the usual manner.

(6) When in foreign ports, if ships/ warships of the countries concerned half-mast their colours on the death of one of their nationals, ships shall as a matter of courtesy conform by half-masting their own colours. In the event of a foreign ship being in an Indian port on such an occasion, ships in company shall half-mast their colours on the day of the funeral only, unless special orders are issued by the Director-General or the Senior Coast Guard officer present.

(7) Ships approaching or leaving an anchorage where ships of any other country are wearing a foreign national flag at half-mast at the main, or have their colours at half-mast, shall, while within sight of the ships in port, hoist or keep the foreign national flag at half-mast, or half-mast their own colours.

(8) On the death (otherwise than in battle) of a Senior Officer whose flag is flying in one of the ships or Coast Guard Stations, his flag shall be half-masted and kept at half-mast until sunset on the day of funeral when it shall be hoisted close up and then finally struck.

(9) If, however, the funeral is to take place at a distance from the ship or port in which the flag is flying, the flag shall be kept at half-mast until sunset on the day on which the body is removed from the ship or port for the purpose of burial or cremation.

(10) Instructions regarding half-masting of colours on the death of the President as contained in rule 7 shall also be applicable in the event of the death of the Vice-President or the Prime Minister.

17. Dressing Ship. - (1) All ships which are supplied with necessary material shall be dressed overall in port from the time of hoisting colours until sunset on the Republic Day and on the Independence Day.

(2) Ships underway and those not fitted with dressing lines, shall dress only with ensigns at their mast-heads and National Flag at the Jack staff. This method shall also be adopted by other ships by orders of the Senior Officer present, should conditions render dressing ship overall inexpedient.

(3) Ships shall also be dressed by order of the Senior Officer present when in the presence of a flag of a Head of a State on occasions of visits of a Head of State and on certain foreign ceremonial occasions when in the presence of ships, or in the waters of the concerned countries. The manner of dressing and time during which ship shall be dressed shall be stated on each of these occasions according to circumstances.

(4) On occasions when ships are dressed in honour of an Indian ceremonial or personage, ships wearing flags/pennants of the Director-General/Inspector-General/Deputy Inspector-General shall wear the Coast Guard ensign only at masts not occupied by either of the above. Other ships shall wear the Coast Guard ensign at the mast/masthead.

18. Launching of Coast Guard Ships. - (1) Colours shall be worn at all launching of ships whether dockyard or contract built, at which there is a "Naming Ceremony"; the Coast Guard ensign shall be worn at the ensign staff and the National Flag at the Jack staff. It shall not be necessary to hoist any other flag.

(2) The largest size of the flag shall be: -

(a) Ensign - 8 breadths.

(b) National Flag - 6 breadths.

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FLAGS IN BOATS

19. Wearing the Coast Guard ensign in boats. - (1) Boats belonging to ships and Coast Guard work boats shall fly the Coast Guard ensign on the following occasions: -

(a) in foreign waters;

(b) when going alongside a foreign warship on all occasions during day and night.

(2) In India, boats shall only fly the ensign in accordance with clause (b) of sub-rule (1) between the time of colours and sunset, except as provided in clause (b) of sub-rule (1).

(3) In foreign waters, boats shall fly their ensigns when away from their ships at any time between dawn and dusk and on the occasions specified in clause (b) of sub-rule (1).

(4) When the colours are half-masted in ships, boats ensign (if flown), shall also be half-masted.

(5) When a corpse is being conveyed in a boat, either in Indian or foreign waters, that boat shall fly her ensign at half-mast.

20. Flags/ Pennants in boats. - Senior Officers entitled to fly their flags or pennants and other officers holding an appointment in Command of a ship or shore establishment, when proceeding on a ceremonial occasion in a boat, may fly the flag, pennant or mast-head pennant applicable to their rank in the bows.

21. Painting on boats. - (1) The barge and any other personal boats of the Director - General and other senior Officers of the Coast Guard shall be painted white.

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(2) Except for the condition in sub-rule (1) boats may be painted in any colour or combination of colours at the discretion of the Commanding Officer, subject to the approval of the concerned Regional Commander.

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HONOURS AND MARKS OF RESPECT

22. Marks of respect. - (1) The marks of respect are to be paid to VVIPs, Senior Officers and officers and officials on their arrival at and departure from Coast Guard ships and Coast Guard establishments.

(2) These marks of respect are normally paid only between colours and sunset, but the Senior Officer concerned may waive this rule in special circumstances.

(3) The "Alert" and piping the side are used on all occasions; guards and bands are paraded for ceremonial visits.

23. Bugle. - The 'Alert' is a mark of respect due to rank and shall be sounded on the bugle, between the hours of colours and sunset, for the President, the Vice-President, the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister and if in uniform, for all Senior Officers when coming on board and leaving any ship or when visiting Coast Guard stations or establishments.

24. Piping the side. - (1) Between the hours of colours and sunset, the side shall be piped to the following, coming on board or leaving one of the ships:—

(a) The President.

(b) All Senior Officers in uniform, as provided in rule 5.

(c) All general duty Officers of Coast Guard in uniform holding an appointment in command of a ship in commission (including a shore establishment, where the latter condition applies), or sea going tender and all non-general duty Coast Guard officers in uniform holding an appointment in Command of a shore establishment in commission, when proceeding on board or leaving one of the ships. Officers coming on board by a brow, should not be piped unless arriving at a prearranged time. The side shall not be piped at any shore station.

25. The National Anthem. - (1) There are two versions of the National Anthem, namely:-

(a) the full version, comprising the first stanza of the "Jana Gana Mana' - playing time approximately 52 seconds; and

(b) the short version, comprising the first and the last line of the stanza- playing time approximately 20 seconds.

(2) These two versions are played on the following occasions when bands are available:-

(a) Full version. (i) On all ceremonial occasions when the President is present - including broadcasts by the President on the National Days.

(ii) On all ceremonial occasions for Governors when they attend ceremonial parades within their States.

(iii) At Republic and Independence Day parades when the National Flag is broken.

(iv) At "Colours" when a guard and band are paraded.

(b) Short-version On all other ceremonial occasions.

26. Musical salutes - The airs to be played on authorised occasions shall be as ordered by the Director-General.

27. The President - The President shall be received on board any of the ships or on arrival at Coast Guard Stations by a Guard of Honour commanded by a Commandant or a Deputy Commandant, the officers saluting, the bugles sounding, the "Alert" with arms presented and band playing the National Anthem. If the band is not available, the bugles shall sound the general salute.

28. Foreigners of high distinction - Foreigners of high distinction who are received with a Guard of Honour when visiting ships of their own nation, shall be similarly received when visiting Coast Guard ships.

Explanation - National anthems of other countries shall always be played in full.

29. President of a Republic, Royal personage, Senior Officers - passing in a boat - (1)When a President or a royal personage is passing in a boat or tender or when the Senior Officers as specified in rule 5, with the flag or pennant flying in a boat or tender, is passing a ship not under way, the guard and band shall be paraded, the bugles sounding the salute as provided in rule 37, 38 and 40, unless otherwise ordered.

(2) If a ship not underway is flying the flag or pennant of an Officer senior to

the Senior Officer passing in a boat or tender, the "Alert" shall be sounded on the bugle, but the guard and band shall not be paraded.

30. Director-General - The Director-General when flying his flag, shall be received on board any ship or on arrival at a Coast Guard Station, by a guard commanded by a Deputy Commandant or an Assistant Commandant with arms presented, the officers saluting, the bugles sounding the "Alert" and the band playing a salute as provided in rule 29. If a band is not available, the bugles shall sound the general salute.

31. Regional Commanders Coast Guard - An Inspector-General or a Deputy Inspector-General, when flying his flag or pennant as a Regional Commander Coast Guard, shall be received on board any ship or on arrival at a Coast Guard Station, by a guard commanded by a Deputy Commandant or an Assistant Commandant, with arms presented, the officers saluting, the bugles sounding the "Alert" and the band playing the salute as provided in rule 29. If a band is not available, the bugles shall sound the general salute.

32. Saluting by civilian VIPs - (1) Form of salutation (civilians) - Civilians dignitaries required to take a Coast Guard parade or receive a Guard of Honour shall return the compliments as follows : -

(a) Gentlemen - By raising the right hand to the forehead and touching the right of the forehead with the fingers slightly inclined, the obverse of the palm facing the right eye and the reverse outwards. The hand should be lowered only after the troops have marched past or after each group has marched past where there are more than one.

(b) Ladies - Ladies may acknowledge the salute in the same manner as provided in clause (a) or in any other suitable manner.

(2) Position of Aides - de-Camp, The Parade Commander and the senior-most-officer -The VIP alone stands on the dais. If he has AsDC attending on him, they may stand on the sides of the saluting dais, a little to the rear of the VIP. The Parade Commander after he has saluted and passed in front of the VIP at the head of the parade may leave the column and take up a position next to the VIP below the dais, on the flank from which the parade marches on.

33. Inspector-General/Deputy Inspector-General - An Inspector-General or a Deputy Inspector- General when flying his flag or pennant not covered under rule 31, shall be received on board a ship or on arrival at a Coast Guard Station, by a guard commanded by an Assistant Commandant.

34. Honours at departure as well as at reception - The Coast Guard honours and marks of respect authorised in the foregoing rules shall, unless

otherwise ordered, be rendered at the reception as well as at the departure of the personages and officials specified.

35. Ceremonial for two ships passing between sunrise and sunset - (1) When two Coast Guard ships pass one another, of which only one is under way :-

(a) if either is a ship wearing the President's Flag or flag of a Senior Officer, the junior ship shall sound the "Alert" on the bugle; the other shall immediately do likewise and after a short interval also sound the "Carry-on". If guards and bands are paraded, the junior ship shall give the salute applicable as provided in rule 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 ; the senior ships guard receiving the salute at "KANDHE SHASTR".

(b) if neither ship be flying the flag of a Senior Officer, the bugle shall not be used but similar marks of respect shall be paid and returned by pipe.

(2) In all cases, when both ships are under way, the marks of respect provided in sub-rule(1) shall be and returned by pipe only.

36. Salutes and marks of respect in boats - (1) The following rules for the paying and returning of marks of respect in boats shall be observed: -

(a) The Officer-in-Charge of the boat or the coxswain shall always salute, except where the design of the boat is such that the Officer-in-charge or the coxswain is in a inconspicuous position, in which case one of the members of the boat's crew shall be detailed to salute.

(b) The senior of the officers in the boat shall also salute whenever this is practicable.

(c) The salute shall be acknowledged by the officer being saluted, unless he details an officer to do so. If no officer is available, the coxswain of the boat may be detailed to answer the salute.

(d) Where boats carrying Officers of equal rank pass each other, no exchange of salutes shall take place.

(2) In addition to saluting, special marks of respect shall be paid to important personages and Senior Officers.

(3) All officers shall be saluted by Officer-in-Charge of the boat or the coxswain when getting into or leaving the boat.

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(4) In private boats, officers and enrolled persons may pay and return salutes as indicated by courtesy, but only the officer or the enrolled person in most convenient position should salute.

37. Guards of Honour - (1) The personages entitled to Guards of Honour are:-

(a) The President.

(b) The Vice-President.

(c) The Prime Minister.

(d) The Defence Minister (including Ministers of State in the Ministry of Defence and Deputy Ministers of Defence):

Provided that the Defence Minister (including Ministers of State in the Ministry of Defence and Deputy Ministers of Defence) shall be presented a Guard of Honour only on ceremonial occasions directly connected with the Coast Guard or on such exceptional occasions as may in each case be held by the Government to require the presentation of a Guard of Honour.

(2) Strength of Guard of Honour: -

(a) 150 Rank and File for the President.

(b) 100 Rank and File for the Vice-President and the Prime Minister;

(c) 50 Rank and File for all others.

(3) Single service - Guards of Honour at Coast Guard Stations shall be provided by the Coast Guard.

(4) No Guard of Honour shall be provided between sunset and colours.

NOTE: Coast Guard may be required to parade Guards of Honour, if none of the Military Services are present in a station.

38. Hours of Guards and bands - (1) In harbour, the following shall be the normal times within which Guards and bands are liable to be paraded: -

(a) Week days except Saturdays and Sundays: From "Colours" to 1300 hours and from 1400 hours to sunset or 1800 hours whichever is earlier.

(b) Saturdays and Sundays - From "Colours" to 1200 hours. At other times they shall not be required unless specially ordered before hand except as specified in sub-rule (2).

(2) Guards and bands shall be required at any hour between "Colours" and sunset (or 1800 hours) on week days and 1200 hours on Sundays, unless otherwise ordered, when passing or being passed by a ship or boat flying a President's flag or Royal Standard or flag of a distinguished personage or by a foreign warship.

39. Coast Guard Personal Salute - The Court Guard salute shall be made by bringing up the right hand to the cap, hat or turban or helmet, naturally and smartly, but not hurriedly with the thumb and fingers straight and close together, elbow in line with the shoulders, hand and forearm in line, the thumb being in line with the outer-edge of the right eyebrow, with the palm of the hand turned to the left.

(2) When passing an officer the salute shall be commenced just before meeting and continued until well past the officer, the person saluting looking towards him at the same time.

(3) Every officer, shall return a salute made to him. A salute made to two or more officers shall be returned by the Senior Officer only.

(4) The Coast Guard salute shall be made on all occasions with the right hand only.

(5) In plain clothes, the salute shall be made by raising the cap or as in sub-rule (1).

(6) Salute between Officers - A junior officer, whether alone or in company with other officers, shall salute his senior officer when passing, addressing or being addressed by him, making the salute, which the senior should return. A junior officer, when in company with a senior officer, shall only salute officers senior to the latter.

40. Salutes on board - (1) When coming over the gangway, or on to the quarter-deck, the salute shall be made by all officers and enrolled persons.

(2) All subordinate officers, sailors and enrolled followers shall salute, when addressing or being addressed by an officer, and again on withdrawing.

(3) All subordinate officers, sailors and enrolled followers, when being passed by an officer shall stand to attention.

(4) All members of the Coast Guard, if wearing head dress, shall face in the required direction and salute:-

(a) whenever the National Anthem or any foreign national anthem is played;

(b) when colours are hoisted ; or

(c) when colours are lowered at sunset.

Explanation. - Parties of enrolled persons fallen-in shall be called to attention, the officer or enrolled person in charge, saluting.

41. Salutes on shore - (1) The following shall be saluted.

(a) The President.

(b) Coast Guard officers in uniforms.

(c) Coast Guard officers in plain clothes, who either by reason of their position or because they belong to the same ship, are known to be officers.

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Explanation -The salute, in addition to being a mark of respect is a simple act of courtesy and good manners. It behoves all officers and enrolled persons to recognise a senior officer and accord him the prescribed salute.

(2) The rules for paying marks of respect in the following circumstances shall be as indicated against each:-

(a) A subordinate officer, sailor or enrolled follower who is standing about shall face and salute an officer who passes him; if sitting when an officer approaches, he shall raise, stand to attention and salute.

(b) Organised parties of enrolled persons in charge of an officer or enrolled person shall be called to attention, the officer or enrolled person in charge only saluting.

(c) When other parties of subordinate officers, sailors and enrolled followers on shore are passing or being passed by an officer, all shall salute.

(d) Officers and enrolled person, riding two wheeled conveyance, pedal or motorised, will not salute when the vehicle is in motion. They shall however, salute when their vehicle is stationary.

(e) The Senior Officer or enrolled person in a vehicle, whether driver or passenger, shall salute when passing a senior officer. The remaining passengers in the vehicle meanwhile sitting to attention.

Explanation - No officer shall expect to be saluted if a rider or driver is in difficulty or danger.

(3) Officers and enrolled persons shall also salute on the following occasions: -

(a) On passing a funeral;

(b) On passing uncased colours carried by the Coast Guard.

(c) If wearing head-dress, when the national anthem or any foreign national anthem is played.

(d) When colours are hoisted.

(e) When colours are lowered at sunset.

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(4) Individual Officers and enrolled persons shall stand to attention, uncovered whenever the National Anthem or any foreign national anthem is played.

(5) Salutes shall not be exchanged in such places as drill sheds, railway stations, stands at races, meetings or sports fixtures and the like, except when an officer or enrolled person is being addressed personally by a superior officer, or when making a report.

(6) Certain senior officers are entitled to fly official distinguishing flags on their cars. Such flags shall not be displayed unless the entitled officer is in the car. Officers junior to those concerned and all enrolled persons shall salute such flags.

(7) Officers of the rank of Deputy Inspector-General and above may display Star plates to denote their presence in the car as follows : -

One Star	-	Deputy Inspector -General
Two Star	-	Inspector- General
Three Star	-	Director- General

42. Inspection without arms - (1) When inspected by a Senior Officer or by the officer in Command of the ship of whatever rank, ships companies are

inspected covered, and the right hand enrolled person only shall salute on the arrival of the inspecting officer. This enrolled person should be the senior of those fallen-in.

(2) If the inspecting officer wishes the sailors and enrolled followers to uncover their heads, the drill "Topi Utar" shall be carried out, sub-ordinate officer will not uncover, but shall salute.

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43. Funeral honours - Coast Guard units required to participate in a State funeral will act in accordance with the orders issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

44. Funeral honours for Officers and Enrolled Persons - (1) At the funeral of an officer or enrolled person of any Coast Guard ship, three volleys of musketry shall be fired at the cremation over the grave or over the body when committed to the sea.

(2) On all occasions of Coast Guard funerals, the Senior Officer present shall regulate the strength and composition of the funeral and firing parties, the number of officers and enrolled persons forming the parties being, however, subject to the means at the disposal of the Senior Officer present.

45. Honours when to be paid to Officers or enrolled persons - (1) Honours shall be paid officially only at the funeral of the officers or enrolled persons who have died on service and whose bodies are cremated, committed to the sea or buried within the precincts of a Coast Guard port or at the place where the ship is lying. However, the Director- General may, at his discretion, authorise the rendering of honours at the funerals of officers who have held certain high appointments.

(2) When being mustered by a Senior Officer or by the officer in command of the ship, of whatever rank, all enrolled persons and enrolled followers below Sub-ordinate Officer shall salute as they pass around.

(3) When inspected by an officer at Divisions, Quarters, Watch, fall-in and on all other occasions of falling-in for inspection without arms, enrolled persons shall be called to attention.