Operational achievement

Encounter and neutralization of 2 maoists in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh

Date - 21/05/2016

Place – forest area between villages Jargoya, Kotter and Reddy under PS- Gangloor , District – Bijapur, Chhattisgarh

Force involved - A joint operation was launched by 85 Bn CRPF and 204 Bn CoBRA troops and the State Police in Cherakanti and Karenar area on 20/5/2016.

Achievement – In the intervening night of 20-21/5/2016 after conducting operation in area of Village Karenar and Cherakanti, PS- Gangloor, District – Bijapur, the joint troops while returning were crossing the forest area between Jargoya, Kotter and Reddy. Armed maoists who were around 20-25 in number opened indiscriminate firing on the troops from the front in the wee hours on 21/5/2016. The attack was promptly retaliated. The exchange of fire which ensued lasted for nearly 15 minutes after which the maoists fled away leaving behind 2 dead bodies of their comrades.

One of the killed maoist is a uniform clad female and the second is a male. The slain maoists were later identified as Manoj Hapka, LOS Commander of Kanger Valley Darbha Division and her wife namely Tati Pandey @ Pandey Hapka, a Member of Kanger Valley Darbha Division LOS.

The following arms and various other incriminating items were recovered from the spot-

➤ Bharmar Guns -2 No.➤ 12 Bore Country Made Pistol -1 No.

➤ Tiffin IED -1 No.

➤ Pithhu -1 No.

Cordex Wire

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Recovered Arms and IED

Manoj Hapka was a rewardee of Rs 5 Lacs as announced by Chhattisgarh Government. He was involved in many incidents including the infamous Jheeram Ghati incident of 25 May 2013 wherein 28 personnel including some top Congress leaders and police personnel were killed by the maoists in an audacious attack.