<u>Ministry of Home Affairs</u> (Central Reserve Police Force)

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PRESS RELEASE

On request of a local electronic channel of Chhattisgarh, a Raksha Bandhan celebration was organized on 31/07/2017 interfacing CRPF deployed at Palnar, Dantewada District and students of Balika Ashram and Govt. Girls School Palnar Dantewada. Girls from school tied Rakhi to the Jawans on duty followed by cultural programme. Gift were distributed and lunch was also organized for students of school by CRPF. Senior Officers of CRPF alongwith troops, civil administration including Deputy Collector and SDPO Kirandul, President Zila Panchayat, School principal, teachers, warden and media personnel attended the function. The function went off well and concluded by thanks giving.

On 01/08/2017, District Education Officer and Head Master of the school made a complaint before District Collector that during the cultural programme at Govt. Girls School, Palnar, few men in uniform misbehaved with some girls. Keeping in view the gravity of allegation, a high level enquiry chaired by DIG Dantewada with representative of Balika Ashram, Govt. Girls School and lady officer had been ordered to ascertain the factual position. Based on findings of enquiry team of CRPF two personnel have been identified as suspect to be involved in the incident. Both individual have been placed under suspension and further matter has been handed over to local police for investigation and legal action in the matter.

> Sd/- 09/08/2017 Public Relations Officer