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SSB Scam: Here are the evidences to show as to the involvement of senior officers in this Scam since so many years. The concerned GTO wrote to the Comdt pointing out the illegality and favouritism. Comdt didn't do anything since it was the case of the son of DG Recruiting.

Lt Col Channpreet Singh

SCE/11 SSB/CPS

19 May 2015

Maj Gen K K Pant
Commandant
Selection Centre East
Allahabad.

Dear General,

1. I am writing this DO with regard to the recently concluded ATRA-35268 batch conducted at 11 SSB from 07 to 11 May 2015.

2. I am constrained to write this letter merely to assure myself that the higher auth are accurately appraised of the factual position of the constitution of the batch in question. Being a part of the wonderful community of 'Assessors', I feel we have the onerous responsibility of selecting potential officers for the Indian Armed Forces. At the same time, it is also incumbent on us to safeguard the highest traditions of professional integrity and honesty which are the backbone of this very fair and impartial system of selection.

3. In view of the above, may I request you to initiate suitable action to ascertain the facts and the motive behind the undermentioned anomalies that have been observed by self and the environment during the conduct of the batch in question:

(a) The rationale behind detailment of a single candidate in ATRA-35268 batch, with the knowledge that the TA batches are scheduled in the same loc in the coming months.

(b) Clubbing of the TA batch with ACC batch AACC-35268.

(c) Urgency for promulgating the lowering of the datum of discussion marks to 224, knowing very well that the batch for which the candidate had initially applied in 2014 was conducted with the said datum at 240.

4. Prima facie, the above anomalies seem to be blatant violations of the selection policies in vogue and are indicative of favouritism towards a particular candidate, which greatly undermines the institution of Armed Forces in general and the selection system in particular, of which we are an integral part.

5. In light of the uncertainty in the motive/motives behind the actions listed at para 3 above, it may be prudent to initiate urgent action to communicate the rationale involved to the environment. This would certainly go a long away in making the 'Assessors' community aware of the correct perspective and put to rest any doubts about the fairness of our time tested system.

With regards,

Yours' sincerely,

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Having failed to get any positive response from the Comdt, Selection Centre, the GTO then wrote to the then COAS, Gen Dalbir Singh bringing out the impropriety on the part of all concerned including the DG Recruiting whose own son was being favoured for TA Entry.

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11 Services Selection Board
Selection Centre East
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SCE/CPS

01 Jul 2015

Gen Dalbir Singh, PVSM,UYSM, AVSM,VSM, ADC
Chief of Army Staff
IHQ of MoD
New Delhi - 11.

Dear General,

1. I am writing this DO with regard to certain anomalies noticed in the officer selection system.

2. I am posted as a GTO at the 11 SSB, SCE, Allahabad since Jun 2014. Being a part of the wonderful community of 'Assessors', I feel we have the onerous responsibility of selecting potential officers for the Indian Armed Forces. At the same time, it is also incumbent on us to safeguard the highest traditions of professional integrity and honesty, which are the backbone of this very fair and impartial system of selection.

3. In this regard, I had raised certain queries to ascertain some ground facts observed during the conduct of the recently concluded ATRA-35268 batch conducted at 11 SSB from 07 to 11 May 2015. These queries were posed in person by me to everyone up the chain in SCE till the Comdt. However since no one had any explanation, I was told to represent the same in writing to the Comdt for clarification from higher auth.(Pl find enclosed a copy of my DO letter No SCE/11 SSB/CPS dt 19 May 2015). The same queries were further posed by the Selection Centre East to DDG (A), Dte Gen of Rtg vide their letter No SCE/5701/Gen/CU dt 25 May 2015 (Copy encl). However, the reply received from Dte Gen of Rtg vide their letter No 58507/Sel Policy/Rtg A(P&C) dt 12 Jun 2015 (Copy encl) does not address my queries completely.

4. Apropos, I am now constrained to apch your office to assure myself that the Dte Gen of Rtg is factually correct in quoting your esteemed appt in promulgation of a policy, which prima facie seems a blatant violation of

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The COAS responded through his AG who assured that necessary corrective actions were being taken but he didn't stop the entry of the son of the DG Recruiting who was getting favoured. The AG offered to meet the GTO at Allahabad & then met

him also the very next day there.

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10 Jul 2015

Lt Col Channpreet Singh
11 Services Selection Board
Allahabad – 211001 (UP)

My dear Channpreet,

1. Ref your DO letter No SCE/CPS dt 01 Jul 2015 addsd to the COAS.

2. It has been a well founded and executed policy in the Army, to ensure fullest of freedom to the assessors and the selection boards. This has been expressly to ensure traditions of integrity and impartiality. The system has indeed stood the test of time. The SSB reports, retain their intrinsic value over decades, and are often referred to in service careers, for this very reason.

3. Having perused through the events that have been highlighted in your DO ibid, the following instructions have been conveyed to the Dte Gen of Rtg : -

(a) To revert to the datum of JAG, AEC and TA entries at 240. The issue can be deliberated upon in the next Recruiting Conf, if necessary.

(b) Clubbing of batches or candidates should not be undertaken. Exceptions, if any, should be formally approved by competent authority on case to case basis.

4. It is reiterated that the functional autonomy, within the policy guidelines, for the Services Selection Centres, is imperative to select the right material for the officers cadre. The fairness of the system is hence of utmost importance. We remain firmly committed to the same.

I will be in Allahabad shortly, and will meet you.

Warm Regards.

Sincerely
Rakesh

Copy to : -

Lt Gen RN Nair, AVSM, SM
DG Rtg

Maj Gen AK Dhar, SM**, ADG Rtg

Maj Gen KK Pant
Comdt, Selection Centre (East)

Maj Gen S Sridhar
Comdt, Selection Centre (Central)

Maj Gen Vikas Joshi
Comdt, Selection Centre (South)

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Astonished to see the award of PVSM to the said DG Recruiting inspite of a clear cut charge of fraud against him, the GTO again wrote to the COAS questioning the award of PVSM. However, neither any reply was ever received nor the illegal entrant was stopped from joining TA..

Lt Col Channpreet Singh

11 Services Selection Board
Selection Centre East
Allahabad - 211001 (UP)

SCE/CPS

30 Jan 2016

Gen Dalbir Singh, PVSM,UYSM, AVSM,VSM, ADC
Chief of Army Staff
IHQ of MoD
New Delhi - 11.

1. Pl ref my DO letter No SCE/CPS dt 01 Jul 2015.

2. I am writing this DO with regard to the award of PVSM to DG Rtg on 26 Jan 2016. As you are aware, I had highlighted certain anomalies introduced in the selection system by the DG Rtg in my ibid DO. As an aftermath of that, your intervention ensured imdt reversion to the earlier procedures and revoking of the wrongly promulgated policies by DG Rtg. My interaction with the AG also assured me that adequate steps had been taken at your end to plug the loopholes in the system to ensure the non recurrence of such anomalies in future. Also the AG had personally assured me that suitable disciplinary action had been initiated (Details not divulged) against the DG Rtg.

3. With this as the background, I am sanguine that the COAS was himself convinced that the DG Rtg was wrong in promulgation of certain policies, which were indirectly and directly benefitting the recruitment of his own son in the Indian Army as an officer. Now after a period of almost six months, it is somehow incomprehensible to see the same offr being awarded the PVSM, the highest peace time decoration for the Armed Forces. A person whose integrity was in question just a few months back cannot seemingly become eligible for this award overlooking his serious act of impropriety.

4. Moreover I also strongly feel that such felicitations demean the actual prestige and honour of these decorations. The environment which is already aware of the background of the entire case feel that the offr was finally able to have his way without facing any serious consequences, personally or officially.

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5. I would like to submit that the issue greatly undermines the institution of Armed Forces in general and the selection system in particular, of which we are an integral part. It is even more disheartening to find that serious issues relating to integrity are being overlooked when recommending the tarnished offrs for awards.

6. In light of the above, it may be prudent to initiate urgent action to communicate the rationale involved in conferring the PVSM to DG Rtg. This would certainly go a long away in making the envt aware of the correct perspective and put to rest any doubts about the fairness and uprightness of our great org.

With regards,

Yours' sincerely,

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The GTO didn't stop here. He then sent an email to the new COAS, Gen Bipin Rawat (now CDS) about it.The result,the GTO was threatened. Fed up with continuous attempts of the senior officers to hush up the matter, the GTO resigned & his resignation was accepted within no time.

From: channpreet singh <channpreetsingh@yahoo.co.in>
To: syscell@nic.in <syscell@nic.in>
Sent: Saturday, 18 November, 2017, 05:15:24 pm IST
Subject: Kind Attention of the COAS

Respected General Rawat,

1. I am writing this mail just to reassure myself that our great organization, the Indian Army stands for ethics and moral values, perhaps unequalled anywhere else. With you at the helm of the affairs and having a reputation of zero tolerance towards impropriety, I am approaching the esteemed office of the COAS once again to address my concerns.

2. Sir, I have served in this great organization since 1996 and shall do the same till my conscience allows me to feel a part of the system. I am enclosing all my correspondence with respect to the case of impropriety committed by perhaps everyone up my chain of comd. I had represented the same with impunity upholding the highest traditions of honesty and integrity. Though I was given a patient hearing by everyone right upto the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, but no one took any action against the guilty or in retrospect, showed me where I was wrong. I could have still perhaps been able to come to terms with the system, had the guilty persons not been duly awarded for their disservice to the nation. In the entire episode, the prime guilty was awarded the highest peace time award and on my representation, those responsible for awarding the guilty were also awarded the PVSM.

3. Sir, apropos I feel a misfit in this setup and seem to be losing out on my confidence not in the organization, but in those who run it. In the entire episode, I never bypassed any chain of comd. However, I was discouraged and dissuaded at each step by my superiors against voicing my concerns. Since there was no personal angle involved and it was purely an org concern which I was voicing, I felt greatly vindicated in my assertions once I was given a patient hearing by none other than the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri in Feb 2016. Sir, I desisted all attempts to make the case public, keeping in mind the larger interests of our organization (Pl note that I had absolutely NO role in the two articles reported by the Indian Express on the issue). But somehow now I am unable to reconcile to the fact that the rot is really deep rooted because of the undermentioned facts.

   (a) The DG Rtg was awarded the PVSM and hung his uniform with his head held high. His son was recruited in the TA, bypassing all set norms and is presently an offr.

   (b) My then Centre Comdt and President SSB, who allowed everything to happen under their jurisdiction, were posted as COS of a Corps and Comdt Cyber Gp, respectively.

   (c) The AG, who very smartly brushed aside all facts and recommended the DG for PVSM, was himself awarded the same decoration this year. In fact, the only written proof ie the candidate's dossier has been missing ever since, with no disciplinary action against anyone for this serious lapse.

   (d) Our Hon'ble ex COAS, who never ever responded to my explicit DO letters to him on the issue, hung his uniform in peace.

4. In view of the foregoing, may I seek your personal indulgence in this issue and kindly help me restore my faith in our redressal system in particular and our hierarchy in general. I once again assure you that I shall never ever violate the rich traditions of our Army and never do anything to demean the organization, which I hold in high esteem. However, I need to be convinced that I am doing my bit for its betterment, and if not, then I may think of a recourse.

5. I am attaching all the correspondence on the issue done by me. I am sure the same would be available at your end too.

With regards,

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CBI has now taken formal cognizance of this matter & has reportedly sought the permission of all concerned, under Sec 17 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 to proceed with this matter. The said illegal entrant continues to serve & is a Major at present in a TA Unit.

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