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This historic decision, taken under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, aims to boost the self-respect, pride, and morale of personnel retiring from the rank of Constable to Sub-Inspector. Under this scheme, personnel below officer rank (from Constable to Sub-Inspector) in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles who retire after long and commendable service will be granted an honorary rank one level higher on their last day of service, without any financial or pension benefits.

The main eligibility criteria, rules, and conditions for granting the honorary rank shall be as follows:

Eligibility Criteria

1. The personnel must meet all promotion criteria at the time of retirement.
2. The personnel must have a good and clean service record.
3. The evaluation of the personnel's APAR (Annual Performance Appraisal Report) for the last 5 years must be at least 'Good'.
4. The personnel must not have received any major punishment in the last 5 years.

5. The personnel's integrity must be beyond doubt.

6. Approval from the departmental inquiry and vigilance (DE/Vigilance) is mandatory.

Terms and Conditions

1. The honorary rank shall be granted based on the recommendation of the concerned commanding officer.

2. The honorary rank will be conferred on the day of the personnel's retirement.

3. No financial or pension benefits shall be admissible along with the honorary rank.

4. The honorary rank will only be granted where the rank to be conferred exists within the category to which the personnel belong.

5. Granting the honorary rank shall not affect the personnel's *inter-se* seniority.

Eligible personnel of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles (AR) will be granted honorary ranks as follows:

Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)		Assam Rifles (AR)	
Retired Rank	Honorary Rank	Retired Rank	Honorary Rank
Constable	Head Constable	Rifleman	Havildar
Head Constable	Assistant Sub-Inspector	Havildar	Warrant Officer
Assistant Sub-Inspector	Sub-Inspector	Warrant Officer	Naib Subedar
Sub-Inspector	Inspector	Naib Subedar	Subedar

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