Press Release

New Delhi (13 Jan, 2019):- SSB’s 35th Battalion started the new year with a substantial operational achievement. Wanted Naxal Commander Sahdev Rai was killed in an encounter by Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and State Police, Dumka in Chhatupara forests area of Dumka, Jharkhand on 13.01.2019.

Based on specific intelligence input regarding shelter of the wanted Naxalites in Chhatupara forest area, a joint operation was launched by Sashastra Seema Bal and State Police Dumka on 13.01.219 at about 0100 hrs. The operation continued throughout the night and in the morning at 0655 hrs, search party came under heavy fire from Naxals. The joint operational team immediately took cover and courageously retaliated the fire. There was a fierce exchange of fire with the Naxals Dasta, comprising of 15-20 members and it continued for 80 to 90 minutes. When the Naxals were pinned down by SSB troops, Sh. Lalit Sah, DC, SSB led his team to tactically comb the area.

During the combing operation, dead body of a Naxal along with one AK 47, one INSAS rifle and ammunitions were recovered from the spot. After verification it was confirmed that the Naxal neutralized during the operation was the top wanted Zonal Commander of Santhal Pargana Zone namely Sahdev Rai @ Tala Da @ Agni carrying reward of Rs. 10 Lakh.

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