

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 149

Delay in receipt of exhibits sent for chemical examination and examination reports

1. It has been brought to my notice that a number of U. D. cases are pending for non-receipt of chemical examination reports on visceras sent for such examination. Delay in trial and investigation of cases has also occurred in several cases for non-receipt of exhibits and reports from chemical Examiner in time.

2. In order to minimise these delays, it is hereby ordered as follows :—

(a) In every case where the I. O. sends articles for chemical examination he should contract the Court Sub-Inspector of the respective Court. The forwarding letter and the parcel should bear the reference of Court Office despatch register. The I. O. should hand over a copy of the forwarding letter to the Court Sub-Inspector which should be kept in a file to be maintained by the latter where all matters relating to chemical examination should be preserved. When a request is made to the medical officer for despatch of visceras, a copy if the same should also be sent to the Court Sub-Inspector for record in the same file. A file for similar purposes should also be opened at the police-station.

(b) A register should be maintained in all Court Offices and police-stations where all necessary references of a particular case should be noted from the date of despatch of exhibits for chemical examination or examination by other experts, or requisition to medical officer for sending visceras for chemical examination till the receipt of the experts examination report an exhibits by dividing the register into necessary columns. Reminders should be issued from time to time and references of reminders should also be noted in the register. The inspecting officers should see to this item of work periodically.

3. In some cases it is also noticed that number of unnecessary exhibits are also being sent for chemical examination. In this connection attention is again drawn to Police Order No. 7 of 1949 which should be followed strictly.

4. As regards the places where different exhibits should be sent for expert examination the instructions contained in P. M. Rule 216 read with Police Order No. 1 of 1959. A. I. G.'s Memo. No IIW-32-58/4702 (26)-A., dated 2-3-1959 and the C. I. D. No. 6647 (24)-C. B., dated 30-5-1959 should be strictly followed.

(Previous Police Circular Order No. 12 of 1961)