

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER NO. 198

Subject: —Checking of fire-arms, licences by Police.

It has come to notice that in the recent past, a good number of cases have been reported in which fire-arms have been stolen, it has been found during investigation that the fire-arms were kept in insecure places.

There is no provision in any law empowering a Police Officer to enter into the premises of the licences to check the place where the arms/ammunitions are kept, but it has become a necessity to examine the place and impart suitable instructions, where necessary, as a preventive measure against theft of fire arms.

Therefore, it is impressed upon all Police Officers of and above the rank of S.I. during their visits to mufusil villages to verify from the gun licences the places where the fire-arms are kept by them and impart suitable instructions where necessary and mention the fact in their personal/tour diaries. The inspecting Officers will also check-up this during their visits/inspections.

It is needless to say that this verification and imparting of instruction should be done without injuring the feelings of any and due care should be taken to avoid complaints of misbehaviour etc. from the licences.

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