

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 76

Although the police have the right to reopen investigation after submitting charge-sheet, this should be limited to those cases only where fresh facts come to light after submission of the charge-sheet. It follows that unless there are good grounds, further investigation should not be taken recourse to when the case is pending trial.

Instruction
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Officers.

As regards supervision by superior officers after submission of charge-sheet, it usually involves fresh questioning of the principle witnesses in course of investigation. The legality of such action in a case already sent up in charge-sheet is also doubtful. On the basis of the facts in the case diary, however, a superintendent of Police can recommend withdrawal of a case, if considered really necessary.

(Previous Police Circular Order No. 10 of 1953)