

**POLICE ORDER No. 117**

Adoptation  
of principle  
in the matter  
of depart-  
mental  
enquiry  
against  
Police  
officer  
against  
whom a  
complaint  
lodged in  
Court.

It has come to notice that no definite principle is adopted in the matter of departmental enquiry against police officers against whom a complaint lodged in court is either dismissed or ends in discharge of the accused. It is hereby directed that such enquiry should ordinarily be taken recourse to only when the accused police officer is summoned to face a trial on the basis of a judicial enquiry but is discharged or acquitted on account of non-appearance of the complainant and his witnesses or when the discharge or acquittal is on benefit of doubt or when the case is declared true, the discharge or acquittal being due to insufficient evidence. It is not however, intended to fetter the discretion of the Superintendents in any case in which for any good and special reasons they consider departmental enquiry necessary.

(Previous Police Order Reference No. 10 of 1955)