

## POLICE ORDER No. 201

Investigation of cases by Crime Branch Officers. Experience has shown that in cases of the districts in which the officers of the C. I. D., Crime Branch are deputed to take up investigation, effective control over their work and movements is not exercised either by the Gazetted Officers of the C. I. D., Crime Branch of the district. The Officers of the C. I. D., Crime Branch, who are so deputed are thus almost left to themselves, their cases are not promptly and properly supervised and consequently they do not get timely and proper guidance in the investigation of their cases though in view of the fact that the cases taken up by them being important and complicated in nature, such guidance becomes all the more essential.

It is, therefore, ordered that in cases where the Officers of the C. I. D., C. B. are deputed for taking up investigation the Dy. I.-G., C. I. D. and Railways should assume control of the investigation and such control should be exercised through the Gazetted Officers of the C. I. D., C. B. Those cases should be supervised by the Gazetted Officers of the C. I. D., C. B. at important stages, so that the investigation is carried on properly as envisaged in P. M. Rule 47-A (d). For this purpose, the Investigating Officers shall submit the third copy of the Case Diary to the S.-P., C. I. D., C. B. in accordance to the provision contained in P. M. Rule 146(f). Where cases are taken up by a Sub-Inspector, the diaries should be initially scrutinised by an Inspector to be entrusted for this purpose by the S. P., C. I. D., C. B. and then put up to the concerned Gazetted Officer of the C. I. D., C. B. together with the remarks of the Inspector, if any, for final scrutiny and orders. For this purpose, a group of Sub-Inspectors in the Investigation, an Embezzlement Squads, respectively shall be placed under an Inspector of those Squads. All remarks passed should be extracted and sent to the concerned S. P. of the district in duplicate for his information and placing in the second copy of the Case Diary. Similarly, all remarks passed by the district S. P. on the second copy of the Case Diary should be extracted and sent to the C. I. D., C. B. to the concerned Investigating Officer. Where investigation are taken up by an Inspector of the C. B., the third copy of the Case Diary shall be scrutinised by the concerned Gazetted Officer of the C. I. D., C. B.

The District S. Ps. are, however, responsible for the detail of investigation and the C. B. Investigating Officers shall work in subordinations to them. The instructions contained in P. M. Rules, 424 and 427 are clear in this respect. Hence, whenever a Gazetted Officer of the C. B. supervises a case, a copy of the Supervision Note should be sent to the District S. Ps. concerned. The District S. Ps. should also supervise important cases irrespective of whether or not such cases are supervised by the C. B. Officer. They shall also ensure that the District Officers fully co-operate with the C. B. Officers and render them all necessary assistance in the investigation and supervision of cases and in cases of any default, take prompt and suitable disciplinary action against the defaulters.

In cases sent up to Court for trial, the District S. Ps. should ensure that the prosecution of the cases are conducted properly and efficiently. The Dy. I.-G., C. I. D. and Rlys, the S. P., C. I. D., C. B. should keep proper watch regarding the progress of trial and manner of prosecution of all such cases and may advise the District S. Ps. for improvement.

The re being no staff for copying of documents for supply to the accused person in accordance with the provision contained in Section 173 (4) Cr. P. C. in the C. B. for the cases which are investigated by the C. B. Officers, it is the responsibility of the Officers-in-Charge of the concerned police-stations to which the cases relate to prepare and issue the copies and the District S. Ps. should ensure that this is done promptly and properly. In this connection the instructions have also been issued by me under No. 202(15)-C. B., dated 15-2-1961. The investigating C. B. Officer should sort out the relevant documents and mark the statements which are required to be copied and hand them over to the Officer-in-charge together with the case diaries under proper

acknowledgement for preparation of the copies. The O. I. C. with the help of the C. B. Officers if and where necessary, shall prepare the challan for sending all documentary and material exhibits to the Court after charge-sheet is submitted and copies are prepared. In such cases where the records are voluminous or there are large number of accused persons, the District S. Ps. shall make special arrangements for the preparation of copies.

Generally the C. B. Officers should be deputed to investigate the cases mentioned in P. M. Rule 410(1) (a) and (b) and cases of embezzlement of Government and public funds in accordance with the instructions contained in Police Order No. 3 of 1960 and 2 of 1961. They can also be deputed for the investigation of other serious crime on the requisition of the Dist. S. Ps. or where the control of the investigation of such cases is assumed by the Dy. I.- G., C. I. D. and Rly. They shall not be deputed for the investigation of cases of political nature or cases involving the law and order situation of the district without my approval. Whenever the Dist. S. Ps. requisition for the services of the C. B. Officers for investigation or inquiries, such requisition shall be sent through their respective Range Dy. I.-G. In urgent cases it can be sent direct or by radio signal with copy to Range Dy. I.-G. The Range Dy. I.-G. can requisition such services whenever they deem it necessary. For instructions regarding the investigation of cases of embezzlement of Government/public funds and requisitioning the services of C. B. Officers for taking up the investigation of such cases, instructions contained in letter Nos. 9732 (15)-C. B. dated 5-8-1959, 1207 (15)-C. B., dated 10-9-1969, 14801(15)-C. B., dated 5-10-1962 and Police Order No. 3 of 1960 should be followed. All requisitions shall be sent as immediately as after the registration of the case as possible, as delay in many cases will defeat the purpose. It is the responsibility of the local officers to promptly take up the investigation of the cases and continue the same till the charge thereof is taken over by the C. B. Officers. The Dist. S. Ps. should ensure that the first report in all such cases are sent promptly as it is noticed that generally they are sent after considerable delay. The instruction contained in this respect in P. M. Rule 1010(C) must be followed scrupulously. If Thana Officers do not send the First Information Report in such cases by the quickest means as enjoined under P. M. Rule 1488 (C), they must be taken to task.

It is found in many cases that when a C. B. Sub-Inspector is ordered to be deputed for investigation and an Office Order is sent to the District S. Ps. containing such order the formal District Order posting that Officer to the concerned P.-S. is not issued on receipt of the same and the arrival of the district is awaited. As a result, the C. B. Officers after their arrival in the district have to waste some days till such postings are made and communicated to the Thana Office. It is hereby ordered that as soon as the Office Order containing such deputation is received, the District S. P. shall issue the formal District Order without waiting for the arrival of the C.B. Officers and communicate the same to the concerned Thana Officer. All C. B. Officers shall first report to the District S. Ps. on their arrival in the district and take instructions before going to the concerned Police-Stations and the spot. When the S. Ps. are out, they shall report to the senior-most Gazetted Officers present in the headquarters.