



ODISHA POLICE
STATE HEADQUARTERS
CUTTACK.

No. 5310/Con.

Dated 27.8.2016

To

All District SsP/DCsP/Ss.P., Railways, Odisha.

Sub: Carriage and Disposal of Unidentified Dead Bodies.

In inviting a reference to the aforesaid subject this is to state that instances of reluctance, apathy and mis-handling of unidentified dead bodies have come to notice in the recent past on the part of local police from the place of occurrence to the postmortem centre, which are grossly violative of the dignity due to the dead. To cite an example, in the recent incident under Soro GRPS limit the dead body was crumpled and pressed to accommodate in a gunny bag, which projects an inhumane and cruel image of the police. The field functionaries under you should be sensitized on the rights of the dead to decent handling and burial.

Besides, this is reiterated that Government has fixed maximum amount of ₹.2000/- for dead body carrying charges per instance. This amount can immediately be defrayed from the Imprest Money (one time permanent advance) allotted to each Police Station i.e. @ ₹.4000/- for urban Police Station and ₹.6000/- for rural Police Station. In this regard **Police Circular Order-354 of 2015** may be referred to. Besides, all Ss.P./DCsP/SsRP have been advised in a recent letter from I.G. of Police (Modernisation) on how to utilize the Imprest Money.

An amount of ₹.6,00,000/- have been allotted to different Districts by the Law Department towards carriage of unidentified dead body out of the budgetary allocation of ₹.10,00,000/- in the Financial Year 2016-17. Further allotment, if required, can be provisioned in the supplementary grant. All the field functionaries working under you should be instructed to utilize the Imprest Money for the immediate purpose and get it recouped from appropriate head.

Disposal of the dead body, though not direct responsibility of the local police, yet casts a moral responsibility on the Police Station officers to ensure that the disposal is proper with due dignity. Disposal of the unidentified dead bodies after Police formalities may be undertaken either by the local municipal body or local Government or Non-Governmental Organisations under schemes like 'Mahaprayana'/'Harischandra'. In a recent case at Bolangir, the dead body of a woman was not properly disposed of by the local Municipality as a result the stray dogs could have access the decomposed body which created public resentment and revulsion. The local police should ensure safe disposal by appropriate authority to avoid such ghastly recurrence.

It is once again impressed upon all of you to sensitise the field functionaries on the matter, to utilize the available Imprest Money in the Police Station for carriage of unidentified dead body, to get the expenditure recouped from the budgetary allocation by the Law Department and to ensure that the dead is handled with due dignity.

Sd/-

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