

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 104

Rural Police

Duties and functions of chaukidars have been elaborately enunciated in rules 153 to 160 of the Chaukidari Manual.

In rule 161 of the manual, it is clearly laid down that Chaukidars are not the private servants of any Government Officers.

Rural Police forms an important link in the administrative chain and any disaffection in its rank and file is bound to create difficulties for the administration. To say the least, it brings the department considerable discredit if it is blamed for misusing its powers by using the Chaukidars as private servants or in any menial capacity.

Government in Home Department letter No. 925 (16)-P., dated 20-1-1953 issued instructions to all concerned that Chaukidars should not be made to do private work. A copy of this letter was sent to S.Ps./D.I.Gs. concerned with this office Memo. No. 2402 (15)-A., dated 7-2-1953 and its contents were also published in Police Gazette for the information and guidance of all the police officers and men. In spite of all these instructions and warnings, Government have again brought to my notice that they are receiving many complaints from Chaukidars that police officers are engaging them to do their private work. This is indeed a bad show and calls for severe departmental action against those responsible for it. I am, therefore, constrained to issue this last warning to all concerned that any complaint from Chaukidars regarding their employment as private servants or in menial capacity by the police would be taken serious notice of and, if a *prima facie* case is made out, the police officer or man, complained against, will be placed under suspension and proceedings.

(Previous Police Circular Order No. 7 of 1955)