

## POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 116

Officers of  
Narcotics  
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Detection of.

Much more attention than now needs to be given to the detection of offences of Narcotics, such as Opium, Ganja and Bhang. The All-India Narcotics Conference held at Simla has decided to stop completely the supply of opium to the public, with effect from the 1st April 1959 and to withdraw the supply of Ganja and Bhang gradually. In view of this Police officers are directed to step up detection of such offences and to make efforts to trace the source of supply with a view to checking the illicit traffic. Unless the sources of supply are scaled the illicit traffic cannot be stopped simply by detection of a few stray cases. Handsome rewards should be granted to those who unearth the Inter-State rackets and detect offences involving large quantities of contraband.

2. Offences under the Drugs Act, 1950 have been made cognizable and there are other laws such as Opium Act and Orissa Opium Smoking Act. Action under the above laws should be resorted to freely.

3. Officers should bear in mind that the following measures are necessary for stepping up detection :—

- (1) Proper watch on railway stations, road junctions, bus stops, canal, aerodromes and any other points of communication used by smugglers.
- (2) Proper and expeditious investigation of all Opium cases, which the Police may detect or which are handed over to the Police for investigation and their prompt prosecution.
- (3) Rendering of immediate assistance to the officers of other departments, such as Excise, Narcotics and Prohibition, which the Police are legally required to give, in the prevention and detection of Opium Offences.
- (4) Close liaison and co-operation with the departments of Excise, Prohibition and Narcotics by arranging meetings and a channel of correspondence.
- (5) Communication of the information, which the Police are unable to work out to any of the departments mentioned above.

(Previous Police Circular Order No. 2 of 1957)