

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 165

Night-Patrol
Parties —
Assessment
of responsi-
bility

It has come to notice that during investigation of cases of thefts and burglaries in urban areas, the investigating and the supervising officers, seldom try to assess the extent of responsibility of the night patrol parties of the respective crimes. This not only leaves a lacuna in the investigation/supervision, but tends to encourage further negligence on the part of the patrol staff. It is very necessary to go into the matter in detail during the course of the investigation/supervision of cases. As it is likely that the negligence in patrol or any omission on the part of night patrol staff and the patrol-supervising officers might have contributed to or facilitated the occurrence of the crime, such a probe will surely help remove any fault or lacuna in the patrol system, deal with the relinquents suitably for their negligence and alter other officers against such lapse in future.

2. Often soon after the incident of an important crime it should be examined if the location of the fixed post (s) and the lane discs needs a change or shift. This is rarely done at present as a result of which further crimes occur in the area/locality. The officers who supervise the cases should realise the necessity for it.

3. All Ss. P. are requested to issue suitable instructions to their officers and see that any negligence on the part of the night patrol staff and defects in the patrol system are not continued further.

(Previous Police Circular Order No. 7 of 1963)