

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 188

Instances have been come to notice that censure or severe censures in the Service Book awarded to Subordinate Police Officers and men by the competent authority are being cancelled or modified by them without referring the matter to the next higher authority. This is wrong in procedure, because awarding of a punishment whether major or minor is a quasi-judicial act and the authority who has passed a punishment order has got no power to cancel or alter his own order.

Police Circular Order No.141 regarding infliction of censure or severe censures provides sufficient safeguards against erroneous award of minor punishments. If however fresh facts coming to light makes it justifiable for cancellation, it is only the next higher authority who is competent to do it.

It is, therefore, impressed on all concerned that censures or severe censures awarded in Service Book by the competent authority shall not be cancelled or modified by them. If a Superintendent of Police has awarded the punishment, the Inspector-General of Police/Range Deputy Inspector-General of Police may cancel it under P.H. Rule 853. Similarly, the inspector-General can cancel the punishment, if it has been awarded by R.D.I.G.

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