POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER NO. 225/76 DATED 27-8-1976

SUBJECT: Ticketless travel in trains by Police personnel—Consequences thereof.

In course of special checks and drives conducted against ticketless travel in trains, it has come to the notice of the Railway authorities that several police personnel have been found traveling in trains without tickets or with improper tickets. Police Officers travelling without tickets or with improper tickets are to be treated as par with ordinary citizens committing such offences in violation of the existing provisions of the Indian Railway Act, 1890. Apart from the legal liabilities of traveling without tickets or with improper tickets, the larger question of the Police Image before the general public is very much involved. Such Police Officers, who travel in trains in violation of the provisions of the Indian Railway Act, 1890 should realise that they are doing a serious disservice to the Police Organisation in their parent State as well as in the country.

2. This is to bring to your notice the serious implications of such irresponsible conduct on the part of Police Officers traveling in trains without or with improper tickets. Any instance of this nature coming to the notice of authorities in future will be harshly dealt with. Apart from legal prosecution, the Officers at fault will also be administratively dealt with in shape of suspension and departmental proceedings. It is hoped that there would be no such occasion in future of ticketless travel on the part of a Police Officer in this State.

Superintendents of Police are requested to bring home the implications and the consequences of Police Officers traveling without or with improper tickets in trains in course of their Alochana Sabha held in the Police Lines and Quarterly Crime meetings.

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