

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER NO. 226

SUBJECT : Maintenance of History sheets of Railway criminals by G.R.P.Ss.

According to P. M. Rule 505, surveillance of criminals of G.R.P. shall remain with the district police. In pursuance of this Rule, no history sheets or photographs of Railway criminals are being maintained in the G.R.P.Ss. Owing to various reasons, the district Police are also not able to discharge their duties according to this rule resulting in disuse of the entire system.

The crime situation of the Railways has acquired a new dimension in recent years. In the changed circumstance, it is not desirable that the G.R.P. should depend solely in the district Police in the matter of surveillance over the Railway Criminals. As history sheets and photographs of Railway criminals are not maintained in G.R. Police Stations, the officers/men of the G.R.P. are not in a position to recognise the Railway criminals. This is a serious flaw in the system.

It is therefore essential that G.R.P. should maintain the history sheets of all Railway criminals, enforce surveillance over them, keep their photographs in the rogues gallery and furnish copies of the photographs to the concerned District Police and Crime Branch. This will help the G.R.P. Officers to keep the criminals under proper watch and to recognise them. However, this will not take away the responsibilities of the district police to keep the Railway criminals under surveillance as most of them are residents of district police Stations.

The G.R.P.Ss. should act as district Police Stations for the Purpose of surveillance, maintenance of history sheets and rogues galleries etc. on the lines laid down in Chapter XIV bordering P.Ss. to ensure proper coordination with the G.R.P. regarding surveillance, recognition of B.Cs. and exchange of criminal intelligence.

It is, therefore, ordered that the above noted instructions should be strictly carried out by all concerned. The question of modifying P.M. Rule 505 is being considered.

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