

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER NO. 231/A. Dated 21st Aug. 1978

SUBJECT : Use of IPS badges by the OPS Officers officiating against the IPS cadre posts.

It has come to notice that some of the D.S.Ps. allowed to officiate against the posts of Addl. S.P. provided in the I.P.S. cadre are wearing I.P.S. badges before they are actually appointed to the I.P.S. by the Government of India in terms of Regulation 9 of I.P.S. (Appointment by promotion) Regulations, 1955. According to Rule 9 of I.P.S. (Cadre) Rules, 1954. State Governments are empowered to allow non-cadre officers (State Police Service Officers) to officiate against cadre posts for a period not exceeding three months and where in any particular case the period of officiation exceeds three months, the approval of Government of India is sought for. This is purely a temporary arrangement to fill up cadre posts.

In accordance with Rule 9 of IPS (Appointment by promotion) Regulations, 1955 appointment of the members of the State Police Service to I.P.S. is made by the Central Government on regular basis on the recommendations of the State Governments and Notifications are issued appointing them to I.P.S. on probation.

It is not correct for a member of the State Police Service to use I.P.S. badge when he is simply allowed to officiate against a cadre post of I.P.S. unless he is appointed to I.P.S. in terms of regulation 9 of the I.P.S. (Appointment by Promotion) Regulation, 1955.

These instructions should be rigidly followed in future.

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