

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER NO. 270

With the exclusive purpose of effectively dealing with the problems of atrocities against members of Schedule Caste/Schedule Tribe and also to pay special attention to matters relating to Dowry death etc., a special wing, within the State Police setup, has been created under the charge of a D.I.G. of Police (D.I.-G. of Police, Harijan Atrocities and Dowry Deaths, Orissa).

While laying down the duties of the D.I.G. of Police, H.A. & D.D. the State Government in their letter No. 37140/P. Dated 24-8-1983 has prescribed that the D.I.G. will monitor the progress of investigation and prosecution of cases under P.C.R. Act and other atrocities against S.C./S.T. registered in District Police Stations and also pay special attention to cases of dowry deaths. The Government has further laid down in the same letter that to that limited extent for performing the aforesaid duties and functions, the P.M. Rules. 424 to 437 would apply to D.I.G., H.A. & D.D. Cell and all the relevant provisions would be construed to have been amended.

It is therefore, hereby decided that with a view to exercising effective control and supervision over the investigation of cases of atrocities and P.C.R. Act cases on S.C./S.T. members resulting in death of victims and all cases of Dowry Death, D.I.G., H.A. & D.D. will monitor under P.M.R. 424 and assume complete control over investigation in cases as deemed necessary by D.I.G., H.A. & D.D. under P.M. Rules 410-A and 424.

To facilitate monitoring of all such cases by D.I.G. H.A. & D.D. all dowry Death cases are hereby ordered to be treated as Special Report Cases. Harijan and Tribal Atrocity and P.C.R. Act cases have earlier been treated as S.R.

The S.R. progress report must be sent promptly to the D.I.G., H.A. & D.D. with copies as due to other quarters. The final form in dowry death cases and S.C. and S.T. murder cases under investigation by local police must be submitted after obtaining approval from D.I.G., H.A & D.D. Orissa.

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