

ORISSA POLICE STATE HEAD QUARTERS, CUTTACK

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TO

The Ss. P. of all districts including SRPs Cuttack and Rourkela.

- Ref: (i) Police Manual Rule 621 (k) (ii)
(ii) Instruction on dispersal of unlawful assemblies-Home Department Letter No. 3131 (30)/C, dated 20-7-88.

SUBJECT : —Disposal of mob-aim low-Fire control & direction.

Your attention is drawn specifically to the P.M. Rule and the instructions cited above to reduce/rule out incidents of death of innocent persons in police firings. Although the above cited rule stipulates that police personnel should aim low and fire should be directed at the ring leaders or at the more violent members of portion of the assembly, yet it is noticed that the same are not being ensured by the officers-in-charge of police contingents for which some times innocent persons are being killed in police firing.

It is noticed that no proper attention is being given to the existing instructions, rehearsals, drills and practices required in the matter. As a result the Sergeants/R.Is./S.Is./Inspectors/D.Ss.P./Additional. Ss.P. posted to your district are not conversant with the drills and procedures laid down for the purpose. This state of affairs cannot be allowed to prevail. You should personally reiterate to the officers from time to time but the avowed objective of police firing is only to disable or injure the agitators but not to shoot them to kill unless it is exercised as a right for self defence.

To achieve the same, the procedure and the drill as laid down in PMR 621 should be regularly rehearsed at the R.P. Lines hereafter on the Mondays after the weekly ceremonial parades. Each officer of the rank of Sgt./R.I./S.I./Inspectors./D.S.P./Additional. S.P. of the district should be brought by rotation to R.P. Lines for rehearsals in riot control drill/fire control measures/mob dispersal tactics under simulated conditions so that they can gain practical experience which will be useful in real life situations. Further, all the personnel should be given range practice to improve workmanship as per P.M. Rules 629, 631, 637 etc.

The Range D.Is. G. during their visits to District Headquarters either on Inspections or otherwise, should personally verify regular holding of such rehearsals at R.P. lines and to ensure the maximum number of affairs are trained in the district. They should personally also take tests of the officers by surprise in order to find out whether they are well conversant with the related drills and procedures and take suitable remedial measures.

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