

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER NO. 284/1998.

Allegations have been received regarding forcible collection of "CHANDA" on the eve of different festive occasions like Ganesh Puja, Durga Puja, Biswakarma Puja, Kali Puja, Saraswati Puja etc. There are also allegations that for collection of illegal chanda the antisocial elements obstruct National Highways and State Highways and drivers of different kinds of vehicles are at times subjected to criminal intimidation for collection of chanda. Such chanda collection is also noticed in Bus stands and temporary stoppages of buses. It has been brought to our notice that groups of hooligans move from door to door and demand arbitrary amounts from the residents of the locality and quite often succeed in collecting high amounts in as much as the local residents fail to gather enough courage to counter the activities of the hooligans. Collection of forcible chanda invites penal provisions U/s 384, 386, 387, 392, 394 or even 395 IPC depending on the gravity and number of persons involved. It is the duty of the Police to protect innocent citizen from criminal intimidation of the anti-social elements, who indulge in forcible collection of chanda.

In order to check/prevent such crimes, the local OIC and TIC should conduct patrollings on National Highways and State Highways and ensure that vehicles of any kind are not detained for collection of chanda and drivers are subjected to intimidation and harrassment. District Supdts. of Police must ensure that the O.Is.C., I.Is.C. and S.D.P.Os. under their charge conduct frequent mobile patrolling on the Highways, conduct raids at the bus stands, bus stoppages or other places where such chanda collection usually takes place and take steps to prevent illegal chanda collection. If such cases are detected stringent action must be taken against the culprits. A list of habitual chanda collectors be prepared P.S. wise and preventive sections of law be applied to curb their activities. It will be advisable to take into confidence the owners of buses, trekkers

and trucks etc. and their association. office bearers who will provide the names of the anti-social elements.

Inspite of this circular, if such crime is detected by any senior officer in a district, the Supdt. of Police will be held responsible and departmental action will be taken against the concerned OIC/IIC. If the situation is grave, it may entail suspension of the OIC/IIC.

Please acknowledge receipt of this circular.

Bhande. 17/9/98
DIRECTOR GENERAL & INSPECTOR
GENERAL OF POLICE, ORISSA,
CUTTACK.

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