POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 35

Preventive measures against venereal diseases.

The figures for reported cases of venereal diseases among police-men in 1948 indicate that the situation in the Province is rather alarming. It is probable that the actual figures are much higher than those reported, and there is no doubt that numbers of infected men are living in the barracks and visiting "quacks" rather than the Police Doctor.

In order to combat the spread of the disease in the Police force, the following measures should be taken by all Superintendents of Police and Commandants—

(1) All men who have had or get 3 infections of venereal diseases should be removed from the force.

(2) Failure to report an infection should be treated as a major offence

(3) All men should be subjected to a medical examination at least once a year by the Police Doctor, or by the Civil Surgeon in those districts were there is no Police Doctor, for the purpose of detecting the disease. A register should be maintained showing the dates and results of such examinations against each man.

(4) Educative propaganda should be undertaken by lectures delivered by the Police Doctor and gazetted Police Officers both at district and subdivisional headquarters. Cinematograph films and lantern lectures may be arranged whenever possible.

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