ODISHA POLICE
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POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 387 /2019
Dated the 20th November, 2019

Sub: Supervision of cases by Superintendent of Police/Deputy Commissioner of Police and Gazetted Officers of the district.

Police Circular Order-219 prescribes that every gazetted officer of the district must supervise at least 05 cases per month. Scrutiny of supervision by gazetted officers have revealed that many, including Superintendents of Police/Deputy Commissioners of Police, are not meeting the aforesaid monthly yardstick. Many sensational cases, which attract attention of the public and media are also not supervised promptly. On many occasions, it is seen that the supervision note is extremely cryptic and makes no critical analysis of the evidence. Supervision Notes are also found to be lacking in analysis of applicability of various sections of law and instructions that the IO needs to comply in order to strengthen the evidence. This defeats the very purpose of supervision which to a large extent becomes routine and superficial in nature.

In the background of the above, it has become necessary to issue the following instructions -

1. Superintendents of Police/Deputy Commissioners of Police are required to supervise at least 05 cases of diverse nature every month unfailingly. Such cases should not be those already supervised by other GOs, unless specifically required. They also have to ensure that every gazetted officer of the district supervises at least 05 cases by ordering such supervision on the body of the FIR or crime file.
2. Superintendents of Police/Deputy Commissions of Police are required to supervise complex and sensational cases including cyber crime, economic offences, bank frauds, unknown murder, gang rape or rape of minors and seizure of narcotic substances.

3. Superintendents of Police/Deputy Commissions of Police and other gazetted officers are required to visit the spot of crime promptly, not later than 3 days of the occurrence. In cases involving unknown murder or gang rape, where spot evidence is very crucial, SsP/DCsP are required to make the spot visit on the date of reporting itself.

4. Supervision Notes must focus on collection of evidence including forensic, technical and documentary evidence. Supervision Notes clearly must opine applicability of different sections of law and availability of evidence against each accused or suspect. Supervision Notes should also contain elaborate instructions to strengthen the evidence to be collected with a view to securing conviction in the case.

5. Supervision Notes must lay stress on collection of scientific evidence like DNA profiling, Handwriting examination, cyber data recovery, voice spectography etc. Elaborate instructions need to be given towards collection of such evidence including proper sampling and sealing of exhibits.

6. During supervision, Superintendents of Police/Deputy Commissioners of Police and other gazetted officers must go through the statements recorded u/s 161 CrPC and u/s 27 Indian Evidence Act in order to see that those are recorded correctly in compliance to the requirement of laws.

7. There should be no delay in release of supervision notes, or else the very purpose will be defeated. Supervision notes must be released not later than
7 days from the date of supervision and should reach the IO by the 8th day by quickest means including email and whatsapp. In no circumstance, draft supervision note should be taken from the IO or others, which compromises the independence and impartiality of the supervision.

Director General of Police
Odisha

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