

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 67

It has been noticed that courtesies to Ministers, Deputy Ministers and other high officials are not being shown on a uniform basis by the District Superintendents of Police involving a serious infringement of the provisions laid down in the relevant Police Manual Rules. The following instructions clarifying the position are, therefore, issued for the guidance of all concerned :—

Courtesies to be shown to Ministers, Deputy Ministers of Orissa and other States and Government of India.

A—Fully formal visits of Ministers of the Government of Orissa

I. When a Minister visits the headquarters of a district (mark the words underlined) in his official capacity and desires to be received in a fully formal manner :—

- (1) The Superintendent of Police will be present unless he has obtained an exemption and receive the Minister on the platform of the Railway station or other place of arrival.
- (2) A guard-of-honour will be mounted on the platform or at other place of arrival.
- (3) a guard will be placed on the house at which the Minister takes up residence.
- (4) Gazetted police Officers should make it a point of calling on the Minister shortly after his arrival.

II. When the Minister visits the headquarters of a subdivision (mark the words, underlined) in his official capacity and desire to be received in a fully formal manner :—

- (1) The Subdivisional Gazetted Police officer will be present and receive the Minister on the platform of the railway station or other place of arrival.
- (2) A guard-of-honour will not be mounted on the platform of the railway station or other place of arrival.
- (3) A guard for the place of residence will not be supplied unless the Minister specially intimates to the District Officer that he desires one.

III. When the official visit is to a place which is not the headquarters of a district or subdivision, the Minister will be met by such officers only as he may specially desire to attend. No police guard on the place of residence will be mounted.

B—Informal visit of Ministers

1. When a Minister visits the headquarters of a district in his official capacity and has no desired to be received in a fully formal manner, he will be met at the place of arrival by the District Officer only, unless he has asked for any other particular officer to be present. Officers of district rank subordinate to the department of which the Minister is in charge, should make it a point to call on the minister during his stay at district headquarters.

N. B.—This rule does not apply to Puri where no courtesies are required unless specially asked for.

II. In similar circumstances when visits are paid to subdivisional headquarters or other places, the Subdivisional Officer will take the place of the District officer.

III. The Superintendent of Police, Cuttack, is required to provide an escort during the course of the chief Ministers' tours. As regards other Ministers protective arrangements should be made, if local circumstances warrant it and necessary instructions should be obtained by the Superintendents of Police in this connection from the S. A. to the D. I. G., C. I. D., separately.

When a Minister leaves the headquarters of a district or a subdivision or other places, the District Officer or other officer concerned should enquire whether the Minister wishes to be seen off.

C—Deputy Ministers of Government of Orissa

1. There is no distinction between formal and informal visits of Deputy Ministers. The Superintendent of Police or the Subdivisional Gazetted Police Officer is not required to receive him either at the railway station or other place of arrival. The District Police Officer or the Subdivisional Police Officer should, however, make it a point to call on the deputy Minister (Home) shortly after his arrival at the district or subdivisional headquarters.

2. No guard-of-honour will be provided at the time of arrival of the Deputy Minister but a Police guard will be mounted at his camp residence at the district headquarters. No guard is to be provided at his residence in subdivisional headquarters unless he specially desires to have one.

3. When the visit is to a place which is not a district or subdivisional headquarters, the Deputy Minister will be met by only such officer as he may specially desire to see. No Police guard will be provided for the place of residence.

N.B.—The instructions do not apply to Puri where no courtesies will be shown, unless specially asked for.

D—Visit of Judges of the Orissa High Court

1. Arrival—(a) When a Judge of the High Court visits the headquarters of a district in his official capacity, and has given due notice of the date and time of his arrival, the S.P. of the district will be present at the platform of the railway station where it is within the radius of five miles from the district headquarters to receive the Judge unless he has obtained exemption from the attendance.

This will not be applicable to the district headquarters at Cuttack.

2. Guard—A guard will be placed on the house in which Judges take up their residence in mufassal station.

3. Calls at district headquarters other than at Cuttack—The Superintendent of Police shall call on the Judge shortly after his arrival at the district headquarters unless he has been exempted from the same by the Judge.

4. When the official visit is to a station which is not the headquarters of a district, the Judges will be met by such officers only as he may specially desire to attend.

E. Visit of Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers of the Government of India.

Such courtesies as are afforded to the Ministers of Orissa should be shown to Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers of the Government of India. For detailed instructions, please refer to the booklet issued on this subject.

F. Minister and Deputy Ministers of other States

The same courtesies as are shown to a Minister or a Deputy Minister of Orissa will be afforded to a Minister or a Deputy Minister of other States in the course of their visits to districts or subdivisions.