

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 79

Accommodation for Police Officer eligible for rent free quarters.

In supersession of this office letter No.7745 (12)-F-Vo-8-45, dated the 7th August 1945, the following is issued for information and guidance :—

It has recently been noticed that Superintendents have been coming up for enhanced house rents for officers, or whom there are no Government quarters. The reason usually given is that the officers for whom the house-rent was originally sanctioned has been transferred and his successor has failed to get into the house which in the meantime has been let out by the owner to some other private person. The new incumbent of the post has then to search for another quarters which he naturally cannot get at a rental approximating to that paid by his predecessor and Government have therefore to incur more expenditure.

2. You should therefore take all possible steps to ensure the retention of suitable quarters for Police Officer and not allow them to become vacant or be taken by other departments or by the public simply because there is a time lag between the departure of one officer and the arrival of his successor. If a quarters is vacant for a short period you are authorised to continue to draw rent for it provided the period is not excessive. Even though Government may be paying for an unoccupied building for a few days they will gain considerably by retaining the house at the previous rental instead of paying an enhanced rent for an unforeseen period.

3. If for reasons which you consider insufficient, an officer refuses to occupy a building for which rent has already been sanctioned he may be allowed to occupy another building but he should not be allowed any rent in excess of 10 per cent of his pay or the rent of the house previously sanctioned for his predecessor or the rent of the new house, whichever is less. The senior police officer at the locality should be held responsible for keeping the building in the custody of the department and he should not allow it to be occupied by any outsider.

4. If the landlord wishes to increase the rent of the existing house beyond a reasonable limit, the officers concerned may apply to the House Rent Controller to fix a reasonable rate of rent in accordance with the rule 6 of the Orissa House Rent Control Act, 1947 (as amended).

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