

POLICE ORDER No. 117

Adoptation
of principle
in the matter
of depart-
mental
enquiry
against
Police
officer
against
whom a
complaint
lodged in
Court.

It has come to notice that no definite principle is adopted in the matter of departmental enquiry against police officers against whom a complaint lodged in court is either dismissed or ends in discharge of the accused. It is hereby directed that such enquiry should ordinarily be taken recourse to only when the accused police officer is summoned to face a trial on the basis of a judicial enquiry but is discharged or acquitted on account of non-appearance of the complainant and his witnesses or when the discharge or acquittal is on benefit of doubt or when the case is declared true, the discharge or acquittal being due to insufficient evidence. It is not however, intended to fetter the discretion of the Superintendents in any case in which for any good and special reasons they consider departmental enquiry necessary.

(Previous Police Order Reference No. 10 of 1955)