

POLICE ORDER No. 133

Instructions regarding the training and function of A. P. K. Bands.

Since bands are a useful adjunct to the working life of a disciplined force and provide a fruitful spare time occupation besides encouraging talent. It is necessary to organise these on a sound footing. The following orders are, therefore, issued in order to improve the present position:—

- (a) The personnel of the A.P.R. Band should comprise of suitable men who volunteer to join it or recruits who have undergone the Constables course of training and are considered suitable for the job.
- (b) After selection, they will be given preliminary training in the instruments allotted to them under the Drum-Major in the district. Then their capability to play on the instruments will be judged by the Band Inspectors of the State Band and those considered suitable by them would be deputed to the O.M.P.I. or the Cuttack Reserve Police Line for undergoing the requisite training under the Band Inspectors.
- (c) Each man must know 2 instruments
- (d) A proficiency test should be held centrally every year by the Commandant, O.M.P.I. or II with the help of the Band Inspectors. Bandmen of the A.P.R. Bands as well as of the State and the O.M.P. Bands will compete in this test and those considered suitable will be considered for promotion to the rank of Havildar or Havildar-Major in the State Police Bands according to their proficiency. The post of Drum-Major Havildar of the District Bands which is drawn from the A.P.R. strength should, however, be filled by a Bandsman who has qualified in the D.P.C. course. A Bandsman may be considered for D.P.C. course, even if he is junior.
- (e) Transfer of Bandsmen from the A.P.R. Bands to the State String Band or the Brass Band is permissible. It is desirable that there should be a fresh intake of Bandsmen and Buglers every year in each district. If possible, a Bandsman or a Bugler should remain as such for a period of 4 to 5 years only. This period can be further increased if considered desirable and necessary.
- (f) Pipers should be trained in Piccolos (flutes) also provided that funds are available to purchase these instruments.

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