

POLICE ORDER No. 186

Inspections
by Gazetted
Police
Officers.

It has come to my notice that inspections of Police-stations by the S.D.P. Os. and S. Ps. are not being made in detail according to the instructions contained in Police Manual Rule 41 and the inspections are being completed in 4/5 hours mainly basing on the "Information Sheet" prepared by the Circle Inspector/Officer-in-charge of the Police-station resulting in an improper assessment of the working of the police-station. One year's work can hardly be scrutinise properly within such a short time and most of the defects escape the notice of the Inspecting Officer, who is generally in a hurry to return to headquarters after completing the inspection and purpose of inspection is defeated to a large extent. Moreover the Inspecting Officers are not making night halts in the mufasil Police-stations and establishing personal contacts with the members of the public to ascertain if they have any information to convey about the working of the police and if any police action has left them agrieved. Thus the public are deprived of seeing the Inspecting Officer and informing him the malpractices resorted to in the Police-stations. The responsibility of the Inspectors for the proper working the Police-stations under him as contemplated in P.M. Rule 43 is also not being enforced as all that is not possible during a period of 4/5 hours spent at the Police-station.

2. The following directions regarding the inspection of the Police-stations and Police Court Officers should be followed by the Gazetted Police Officers in future :—

(i) Atleast one full day must be spent in the inspection of each police-station, reporting 50 cases per year or less and there should be atleast one night halt. The evening should be spent in securing the good will of the public and assistance of the Panchayat and other leading persons of the locality unattended by subordinates. It will be preferable to reach the place in the evening and inspect the police post next day halt or the night and leave next morning. This will increase opportunity for better public contact.

(ii) Police-stations reporting up to 150 cases per year atleast 2 full days should be spent on inspections and 2 evenings set apart for public contact as indicated above.

(iii) Police-stations reporting more than 150 cases per year 3 complete days should be spent in inspections and atleast 2 evenings set apart for public contacts. The third evening may be utilised in giving informal talks to the Police-station staff on Police-Public relations, defects found in investigations and common mistakes in day-to-day police work and other related police subjects to improve their professional knowledge and bring them closer to the Gazetted Officer to ensure by his talk.

(iv) Inspections of police-stations are to be made according to instructions containal in police Manual Rules 38,40,41 and 43. Attention is draw.l especially to P. M. Rule 40 which lay down that police work should be examined as a part of inspection. This is not being done and malpractices committed in the interior go unnoticed leaving much room for corruption.

(v) One full day in the inspection of Subdivisional Court Offices reporting 300 cases in the G. R., in case the G. R. figures exceed 300 cases 2 days should be spent in the inspection. Atleast there shall be one night halt and the evening should be utilised in giving informal talk to the court staff and other police officers present as indicated in Para. 3 above.

(vi) Atleast 3 full days should be spent in the inspection of Sadar Court. The inpection may be spread over 6 half-dys in case the inspecting officer cannot devote 3 full days.

(vii) All inspections should be completed at a stretch and if possible inspection notes be issued from the camp before leaving the place. Should the inspection be interrupted due to some urgent law and order call or due to the reporting of a special report case, the inspection should be completed as soon as possible.

3. D. I.-Gs. are requested to examine during their inspections and report if this Police Order followed in districts within their Range.

(Previous Police Order Reference No.5 of 1964)