

POLICE ORDER No. 205

Utilisation of Gazetted officers of the C. I. D. Crime Branch for undertaking special studies of crime fluctuations and pendency of in the districts.

(1) Periodical crime reviews submitted by the Superintendent of Police have tended to be a superficial and routine matter. These reviews do not throw adequate light on the facts responsible for heavy fluctuations of crime in a particular area over a particular period, nor do they explain satisfactorily the reasons for the long pendency of investigation in a good many cases. Explanations offered for the sudden increase of crime in a particular area are generally superficial and carry little conviction. It therefore, appears necessary that special studies should be undertaken by some officers of the Crime Branch for probing into the reasons behind crime increase and long pendency of investigations.

(2) With a view to assisting the Superintendents of Police in undertaking a systematic study the multifarious factors contributing to the increase of crime in a particular area and long pendency of investigation in a large number of cases in the district, it is ordered that henceforward gazetted officers of the Crime Branch would be specially deputed either under orders of the Inspector-General of Police or the D. I. G., C. I. D. and Rlys. to the district concerned. The officer so deputed will visit the crime affected areas and look into the relevant records in the Police-Station and Circle Offices and if necessary in the district Police Offices. He will pay special attention to the surveillance work in the affected Police-stations and for this purpose check up the history sheets of criminals, crime directory and such other records. He will be extended necessary assistance in his study of crime fluctuations by the local officers. On completion of his study, he would submit a report to the Inspector-General of Police through his superior officers for necessary examination and communication of views to the Range D. I. G. and the S. P. concerned for their information and necessary action.

(3) Similarly the officer of the Crime Branch may also visit a Police-station or a Circle Office and look into the reasons behind long pendency of investigations.

(4) He will submit his report to his superior officers and in turn will keep the S. P. and the Range D. I. G. concerned informed of the matter. In many Police-station, history sheets of criminals and anti-social elements are not properly maintained nor are they kept up to date. In many cases periodical enquiries are not regular and what is worse, history sheets of persons convicted in cases of burglary and theft are not opened for a long time. The surveillance work on criminals is by and large neglected resulting of crime by criminals who are not being watched nor are they known to the local Police. Henceforward, Officers of the C. B. would be deputed under orders of the Inspector-General to make surprise visits to any Police-station for the purpose of checking up the surveillance work there.

(5) The tours of the Crime Branch Officers should be communicated to the concerned Superintendent of Police and the Range D. I. G. in advance and the officers touring the districts should try to cover as much work as is possible.

(6) The underlying idea behind issue of this circular is to make available to the Superintendent of Police extra assistance and knowledge by way of deputation of Crime Branch Officer who would undertake special studies into important matters such as the Crime fluctuation and pendency of and delay in investigation.