

POLICE ORDER No. 213

(Revised)

Duties of
pigeon
Staff.

In supersession of Police Order No. 3, defining the duties, of the Pigeon staff, the following revised orders are issued for the guidance of all concerned.

2. The carrier pigeon service of the Orissa Police is established at all district headquarters and a few Subdivisional Headquarters. Its control at the district level rests with the Superintendent of Police concerned. The overall control of the service is placed with the Superintendent of Police, Signals on a State basis. The Range D. I.-G. are entrusted with the responsibility of looking after the good management of the service on Range basis and the D. I.-G., Technical on a State basis.

The field staff of the service consist of 1 Pigeon Inspector, 3 Pigeon Sub-Inspectors 1 Pigeon A. S.-I. and 2 Pigeon Constables for each district Pigeon loft and a few important subdivisional lofts. The Inspector S.-I. and the A. S.-I. belong to the establishment of the S. P., Signals while the Pigeon Constables are borne in the strength of the District Police.

4. The Pigeon Inspector's headquarter is at Cuttack along with the Pigeon A. S.-I. The Pigeon S.-Is. are stationed at Cuttack, Chatrapur and Sambalpur. Their jurisdiction over the Pigeon lofts in District/Units is defined as follows:—

Pigeon S.-I., Cuttack .. Cuttack, Puri, Balasore, Mayurbhanj and O.S.A.P. 6th Bn.

Pigeon S.-I., Chatrapur .. Ganjam, Koraput, Kalahandi and Phulbani

Pigeon S.-I., Sambalpur .. Sambalpur, Balangir, Dhenkhal, Sundargarh, Keonjhar and the P.T.C., Angul.

5. The duties of the superior and subordinate staff of the service are defined below:—

(a) *S.P., Signal* —He is vested with the direct control of the Carrier Pigeon Service on State basis and will be held responsible for its good management and functioning. He will exercise administrative and disciplinary control over the subordinate staff and ensure that they are fully trained in the maintenance and care of Pigeons. Proposal or expansion of the service, establishment of pigeon lofts, training of staff, establishment of boomerang service any research work to be undertaken, etc., will be initiated by him after necessary consultation with S. P. concerned and submitted to the Director General (T), the D. I.-G., Tech. He shall have the records of the carrier pigeon service maintained in his office with the assistance of the Pigeon Inspector and the A. S.-I. and shall be ready with any information required thereof. Good functioning of the service and satisfactory management of the pigeon lofts shall be his ardent desire and for the matter of that he shall be in constant touch with the S. P. It will be his responsibility to bring to the notice of the I.-G. if any, pigeon loft is mismanaged due to the disinterestedness of the district staff. He will approve of the tour programme of the Pigeon Inspector and his visits to districts will be according to his direction. He shall ensure that the Pigeon Inspector does his job satisfactorily and leaves no stone unturned in looking after the good management of the pigeon lofts at District Subdivisional Headquarters. He will ensure that action is taken by all concerned on the inspection note of the Pigeon Inspector and inspect his office once a year.

(b) Pigeon Inspector :—(1) He will hold charge of the carrier pigeon service throughout the State under the general control of the S. P., Signal and be responsible for its smooth running/maintenance.

(2) The Central Pigeon loft at Cuttack and the static/mobile lofts in the O.S.A.P., 6th Bn., Ctc. will remain under his direct control and he will be held responsible for satisfactory management of the loft for all purpose.

(3) He will (i) hold training classes of constables in the maintenance and care of pigeons, (ii) deliver lectures on pigeon maintenance, etc., to the cadet S.-Is. and A. S.-Is. as and when required by the Principal, P. T. C., Angul, (ii) deliver lectures on pigeon maintenance, etc., to cadet Sgt. while they undergo the P. M. T. training at Ctc. and (iv) undertake the pigeon training of officers of the Army of other States as and when deputed.

- (4) He will supervise maintenance of pedigree in pigeon service throughout the State and experiment and devise new methods of service like night flying and flying to mobile lofts, etc., with the assistance of the Pigeon S.-I. which can be adopted after careful consideration by higher authority.
 5. He will supervise the work of the Pigeon S.,-Is, at regular intervals and inspect each pigeon loft at the District Subdivisional Headquarters once a year and submit his inspection note to the D. I.-G. of the Range, S. P. of the district and the S. P. Signals.
 6. He will maintain the administration records of the carrier pigeon service on a State basis and deal with connected correspondence.
 7. He will attend to function a organised in connection with the carrier pigeon service, if available and advise the S. P. Signals in that matter.
 8. He will supervise the training of birds for long distance and boomerang race and be responsible for breeding of squeakers at the central loft.
 9. He will check up the inspection notes of the Pigeon S.,-Is, and submit them to the S. P., Signals, with his remarks.
- (c) Pigeon S.,-Is.—(1) The Pigeon S.,-Is. posted to headquarters of Sambalpur and Chatrapur will directly remain in charge of the pigeon loft at their headquarters keeping a close liaison with the R. Is. in matter of training maintenance, breeding etc. They will bring to the notice of the S. P. all matters connected with the pigeon service of their Headquarters.
- (2) The Pigeon S.,-I.—posted to Cuttack will similarly supervise the Central loft at Cuttack and the static/mobile service in O.S.A.P., 6th Bn., Cuttack under the general guidance of the Pigeon Inspector who is directly responsible for smooth administration, satisfactory working and efficient running of the Central loft., Cuttack and the static/mobile loft of O.S.A.P., 6th Bn.
3. They will inspect each pigeon loft of the district Head quarters once a quarters. They should visit more frequently if the S. P. so desires. They should submit copies of the inspection notes to the S. P. concerned and the S. P., Signals (T), the Pigeon Inspector, Similarly they will make half-yearly inspections of the Subdivisional Pigeon lofts on their charge and submit copies of the inspection notes to the district S. P. and the S. P., Signals (T), the Pigeon Inspector.
 4. They will take the initiative for undertaking static and boomerang service in collaboration with R.Is. and submit training programme for approval of the S. Ps'. concerned. They should promptly establish pigeon service in any route required by S. Ps. They will render all technical aid for the smooth running of the service. Prompt action for re-establishment of broken service if any, should be undertaken by them.
 5. They will be held responsible for the smooth management of the pigeon lofts, training of birds in the dist./Subdivisional lofts and bring any defect in this connection to the notice of the Ss. P. concerned. Extension of the system to any out-laying P.,-S. where it will be useful to send message (T) Pigeons' should be examined by them and the fact brought to the notice of the concerned Ss. P. (T), the Pigeon Inspector.
 6. They will maintain the history sheet of each bird in each pigeon loft under their charge as per the enclosed *pro forma* and keep such other information about it which is considered necessary.
 7. They will consult the R. Is. of the district concerned regarding provision of funds under pigeon maintenance and suggest purchase of new pigeon gear etc. if necessary. They will recommend condemnation of pigeon equipment which have outlived their utility and have become unfit for further use.
 8. They will visit each boomerang static and look into its proper functioning.

9. They will take care to see that pigeons in different lofts are hale and hearty and do not fall an easy prey to epidemic. Precautions against pigeon epidemics should be taken by them personally and necessary instructions in the matter given to the loft men.
10. They will ensure that the carrier pigeon service in each district under their charge is efficiently run and bring any dereliction of duty on the part of the loft men to the notice of the concerned S. P. under intimation to the S. P., Signals.
11. They will consult the Pigeon Inspectors on every matter in which they are not themselves sure of the correct position and taken necessary action according to advice.
12. They will maintain the administrative records of the service in their charge and submit all reports to the S. P., Signals through the Pigeon Inspector.

(d) Pigeon A.S.I.:—(2) He is meant for assisting the Pigeon Inspector in office work and for the matter of that he will work under the guidance and control of the Pigeon Inspector.

(2) He will maintain all office records, files and type out letters and statements pertaining to the Pigeon Service.

(3) He will maintain the pedigree list and statement of pigeons on a state basis which will be checked by the Pigeon Inspector.

(e) Pigeon Constables:—(1) Pigeon constables will attend their respective pigeon lofts both in the morning and evening hours and ensure neatness and clearances of the lofts, the birds and their surroundings.

(2) The pigeon feed should be kept neatly and securedly so as to prevent vermins getting into them. Similarly pure and transparent water should be given to the birds to drink.

(3) They will set free the pigeons for a flight exercise both morning and evening and see that every one returns to the loft.

(4) They will prepare green vegetables nearby for the feed of the pigeons.

(5) They will undertake the route training of the birds under the guidance of their superior officers.

(6) They will keep the R. I. informed of all events in the loft. They will look after the health of the birds and report sickness amongst them to the R. I. immediately it is noticed by them. Similarly loft men of out-laying lofts should keep the SDPO/CI/OIC of the P. S. who ever be in charge of the lofts posted with all events in the lofts including ill health of the birds.