

POLICE ORDER No. 40

Court attendance by Police Officers.

Instances have come to notice of failure of police officers to appear in Court on the date fixed for giving evidence. In some cases the reasons given are insufficient in others intimation of inability to appear does not reach the court on the date fixed. I wish to impress on all officers that absence without a valid reason not only protracts hearings unnecessarily but is a breach of discipline and that both unnecessary absence and failure to send prior intimation of inability to appear show a lack of courtesy towards the trying Magistrate and may lead to proceedings for contempt of Court . I trust that all officers will avoid cause for complaint on such grounds in future.

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