POLICE ORDER No. 85

Issue, maintenance and safe custody of Government revolvers,

The following revised instructions regarding the issue, maintenance and safe custody of Government revolvers are issued in supersession of all previous orders and instructions issued on the subject.

2. As we have received adequate supply of revolvers to arm all officers of and above the rank of S.-Is. and half of the strength of A. S.-Is. in the State, all S. Ps. are hereby directed to complete the issue of these weapons without any further delay. In case of A. S.-Is. only revolvers need issue to those police posts, where the A. S.-Is. revolvers have a genuine necessity for the same like tiger menace or violent form of outbreak of crime.

Upon the receipt of a Government revolver, each officer will furnish a formal receipt which will be pasted in his Service Book with a D. O. entry and an endorsement made by the Superientendent of Police in the body of the Service Book to this effect under his own initials.

He will make over the weapon with ammunition to his S. P. before he leaves the force on removal, resignation, retirement or on inter-district transfer.

When an officer proceeds on leave, the revolver and ammunition should be deposited in the police-station Malkhana or in the armoury at the district headquarters. A note to this effect should also be kept in the Thana or Magazine records and the officer will be enntitled to a receipt from the officer, who takes charge of the weapon or the Malkhana containing the weapon.

3. The officer in possession of such weapon will be held responsible for its safe custody and good order so long as it is kept in his charge. The cost of repairing any damage, apart from normal wear and tear, will be borne by the officer concerned. He must take utmost precaution for its safe custody and any loss through carelessness or negligence must result in very serious consequences.

4. An individual ammunition account in the attached form should be maintatined in the officer's service records in the Reserve Office. The recipient should personally attest his receipt and expenditure of ammunition in the account.

The R. S.-M. will sign column 4 of the individual account and the receiving officer column 5 at the time of issue or replacement of the expended rounds. Columns 6 to 9 of the form can be filled up by the holder of the revolver when he exchanges his empties for new rounds which he will have to do personally in most cases. If this is done by escort the account will have to be sent at the same time. The R. S.-M.'s signature in column 4 will also act as an acknowledgement for receipt of a number of empties equivalent to the number of rounds issued.

5. Every officer in possession of a Government revolver will fire an annual course.

6. Every officer issued with a Government revolver should submit to R. S. M. an annual certificate (by the 15th January) regarding his possession of the revolver giving them in full description, of make and number. On the receipt of the statement, the R. S. M. should checked on the district are in tact, and are fully accounted for. Any slackness on his part or on the part of the officer issued with Government revolders leading to any loss or damage will ordinarily entail a major punishment in future.

Manual reference Rule 607

(Previous Police Order Reference No. 11 of 1952)

RECEIPT

Received 38/451 bore revolver

No.....

Date.....

Signature.....

Ammunition Account

Received					Expended			
Date	From whom received	Number of rounds	Signature Reserve Officer	Signature Officer	Date	How expended	Number of rounds	Signature of officer
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)