

## POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER NO. 304/2000

Sub : Collection of Finger print Record slips of Arrested persons as per Section 4 of I.P. Act at Police Stations-consignment there of.

The State FPB had been maintaining Finger print record slips for persons convicted under certain categories of offences provided in the identification of prisoners Act, 1920. With falling conviction rate and mounting pendency of trial in Courts, it is likely that a criminal may complete a major portion of his criminal career without getting even a single conviction. Finger prints of criminals are useful not only for obtaining enhanced punishment but also for the purpose of identifying a criminal from a particular scene of crime. Towards this end, if we have the arrested person's finger prints in the Finger Print Bureau, the same can be linked with the chance prints lifted from different scenes of crimes. This will help in solving previous unsolved crimes and also be useful for linking different cases with the particular arrested person.

Section 4 of I.P. Act, 1920 provides for taking Finger prints of arrested persons as well. The provisions of this section are not being strictly implemented, thereby allowing the criminals to escape their linking with crimes of that particular modus operandi.

It has now been decided that, henceforth, all the State Finger Print Bureaux will maintain Data Base of Finger prints of arrested persons at State level to link State/Interstate criminals as per guide lines of the NCRB. Accordingly, the Central Finger Print Bureau has also decided to maintain such Data Base at National level to link Inter State criminals.

The Finger Print Record slips of arrested persons will be maintained in FPBx till the persons concerned are released without trial, discharged or acquitted by the Court as per Sec. 7 of I. P. Act.

The word "Arrested" is to be written on the right side top of the F.P. Record slip of arrested person so as to distinguish them from convicted persons. The State FPB should keep the records duly flagged for easy tracing/linking as and when required.

The F.P. Record slips of arrested persons forwarded to State F. P. B. and CFPB should be in duplicate. Concerned Bureaux will intimate the outcome of such F.P. Record slips to originator alongwith one copy where as the second copy will be retained in Bureau Records for future reference.

Supervisory level officers will ensure strict implementation of this alongwith existing P.C.O. No. 272/90 at PS. level and during inspection of P.Ss, scrutinise the concerned records.

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