

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 33

Supply of
Rasad on tour
and
restrictions
imposed on
loan of petrol
in
emergencies.

There are two matters which have attracted the notice of Government in recent times. The first is the supply of Rasad on tour, and Government in Home Department letter No. 325 (41)-States, dated the 18th of July 1949, a copy of which was issued to all officers in this office memo. No. 14373 (21), dated the 4th August 1949 have made the position clear. It is obvious that Government strongly deprecate the officers obtaining supplies on tour from any source whatever without making prompt and proper payment for same. It has also been represented more than once that subordinate officers in the interior are put to considerable expense in connection with the visit and tours of superior officers of every rank. Further, the practice of using local subordinate officers as a means of supply is open to numerous abuses and this practice may in fact be used by unscrupulous officers as a means of exploiting superiors.

2. I consider that it is absolutely imperative that touring Police Officers should not obtain their supplies from subordinates. Every Police touring officer is provided with orderlies and there should be no difficulty if these orderlies are utilised for helping servants to purchase supplies for officers from the local market or Police Stores. This matter now having attracted widespread notice, it is clear that disciplinary action will have to be taken against officers who thoughtlessly give cause for criticism to their subordinates or to the public.

3. The second point that has attracted notice is the practice of taking petrol, presumably on loan in emergency from storage depots of industrial concerns or from the Police Lines. This is definitely a violation of the Petrol Rationing Order and I have recently had the painful necessity of issuing a threat to one industrial organisation that its petrol quota would be drastically reduced if the practice was not put a stop to immediately. This organisation itself appears to have been put in great difficulty because an officer (of another department) had borrowed no less than 24 gallons of petrol without attempting to repay the same. A Police officer may take petrol from the Police Lines in an emergency, but *he must pay and produce the coupons for the same on the spot, otherwise* he is clearly not entitled to help himself from Government stock. The Superintendent of Police may supply an officer of another department with petrol from Police stock in a grave emergency but *only on payment and on the production of the necessary coupons*. These orders are now clear and definite and under no circumstances must they be deviated from, and Superintendents of Police must warn all concerned accordingly.

(Previous Police Circular Order No. 10 of 1949)