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CRIME BRANCH
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT**

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER NO - 379 /2019

No. **7638** /Odisha CID- SR"W"
To

Date **25.02.2019**

Commissioner of Police, Cuttack-Bhubaneswar/ ADGP, Railways, Bhubaneswar/
All Range IsGP /DIsGP

Sub: **Orange Flag Cases**

System of Red Flag cases for monitoring of sensitive cases of crime against women was started in year 2014 vide PCO No 352/2014. Resultantly investigation as well as prosecution of these cases have improved and rate of conviction in Red Flag cases has risen up to 38%. However, Crime Branch can take up only limited number of such cases for monitoring. Further, Red Flag category covers only the cases of crime against women.

In view of overall low conviction rate in criminal cases, there is a need to have similar monitoring mechanism in important cases of other categories such as Murder, Dacoity, Organised Crime, Cybercrime, Wildlife Crime etc. It is observed that Commissionerate and Range Offices have very limited role in supervising and monitoring the criminal cases. But with their vast experience CP/ IGS and DIGs can contribute immensely in this sphere.

It is therefore decided to have a new category of **Orange Flag** cases for close monitoring at Range level. This category will cover all kinds of sensitive cases and monitoring will be done by CP/ IG/DIG personally.

Under this scheme:

Orange Flag category will include important cases of any nature like sensational Murder, Dacoity, Organized Crime, Cyber crime, Wildlife Crime, NDPS , Bank crimes of high value and extortions etc.

2) CP/Range IG/DIG will declare 50 to 100 important cases of the Commissionerate/ range as Orange Flag cases per year. ADG, CID CB can also declare a case as Orange Flag case and advise range CP/IGP/DIGP to treat it as such.

3) A Red Flag case cannot be declared as Orange Flag case. Monitoring of Red Flag cases as usual will continue to be done by CID CB.

4) After declaring a case as Orange Flag, CP/Range IGP/DIGP will

- Issue instructions to the I.O./ hold discussion with Legal Advisor/ S.P./ Supervising Officer and ensure a proper Plan of Action for investigation of the case.
- Shall closely monitor the progress of investigation and ensure arrest of accused persons, if required.
- Ensure proper Forensic interface during the investigation.
- Ensure dispatch of exhibits in time.

- To keep liaison with other agencies, if required.
- Ensure submission of Final Form within the stipulated period.
- Interact with the conducting P.P. for better prosecution.
- Take any other steps required for improving the investigation and prosecution.

5) After a case is identified and declared as an "Orange Flag Case" by the CP/Range IGP/DIGP, it will be intimated to the concerned District SsP/DCP/SRP/CID.CB.

6) A separate register shall be maintained at S.R. Section of CP office/ Range Office/ DPO/ CID,CB containing all information about progress of investigation and trial of Orange Flag cases.

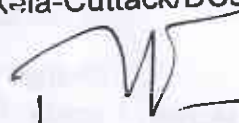
7) It shall be the responsibility of the concerned CP/Range DIGP/IGP/SP to ensure close monitoring of all cases marked as Orange Flag Case during investigation and trial. They shall ensure that all correspondence pertaining to such cases is disposed off on priority.

8) In Orange Flag cases the final order to submit Final Form under section 173 CrPC will be passed by CP/ Range IGP/DIGP. Opinion of Legal Advisor should be taken during investigation of the case and before submission of FF.

9) Soon after submission of Charge Sheet, an officer (by name) shall be appointed as Holding IO of the "Orange Flag Case". It shall be the duty of Holding I.O to monitor developments in the court and intimate the same to concerned IIC at Police. S.D.P.O and District Ss.P. He shall also ensure timely production of prosecution witnesses for briefing by the PP/APP. He shall ensure physical availability of relevant records and material objects at the time of trial. He shall co-ordinate with the conducting Prosecutor for taking appropriate measures so as to strengthen prosecution case.

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