

**POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 38**

Oath of  
allegiance  
to the new  
State of  
India.

The following is published for general information :—

Copy of Memo. No. 607 (40)-Reforms, dated the 17th December 1947 from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of Orissa. Home Department to  
\* /all Heads of Departments/\*

In Government's Memo. No. 280 (40)-Reforms, dated the 14th August 1947, instructions were issued that both temporary and permanent Government servants who are subject to the Government Servants' Conduct Rules or other relevant rules should take an oath of allegiance to the new State in the prescribed form on the first working day after the 14th August 1947. Doubt has, however, been entertained in certain quarters as to whether the instructions about oath taking apply to those who entered Government service on or after the 15th August 1947. After consultation with the Government of India the Provincial Government wish to make it clear that oath should be taken by every Government servant at the time of his appointment and should be one of the terms of his appointment. Conscientious objectors to oath may, however, be asked to make solemn affirmation.

Government desire that the Government servants who have not yet taken the oath of allegiance should be asked to do so immediately and that the above instructions should be strictly followed in future. The offices subordinate to you may be informed accordingly.

2. Extract from Memo. No. 280 (40)-Reforms, dated the 14th August 1947 from the Chief Secretary to Government of Orissa. Home Department to  
\* /all Heads of Departments.

**SUBJECT—Oath of allegiance to the new State of India**

The Government of India have decided that all Government servants, both temporary and permanent who are subject to the Government Servants' Conduct Rules or other relevant rules should take an oath of allegiance to the new State in the enclosed form on the first working day after the 14th August 1947. Government servants who are either on leave or otherwise absent on that day should take the oath before joining duty thereafter. Suitable programme should be made in every Department/office for the administration of the oath on the following broad lines :—

(2) *Heads of Departments and other Subordinate offices*— The gazetted staff employed in the office of a Head of Department should take the oath in the presence of the Head of the Department concerned, after the Head of the Department has himself taken the oath before his headquarters gazetted staff, and the clerical and the other inferior staff of such offices should do so in the presence of one or more gazetted officers to be deputed by the Head of the Department. In all other offices, the gazetted officers should take the oath in the presence of the senior most officer in charge of the office, the senior most officer himself taking the oath first, and the clerical and the other inferior staff should likewise take the oath in the presence of one or more gazetted officers to be deputed by the senior most officer-in-charge.

**Form of Oath**

I.....DO SWEAR THAT I WILL BE FAITHFUL AND BEAR TRUE ALLEGIANCE TO INDIA AND TO THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA AS BY LAW ESTABLISHED AND THAT I WILL LOYALLY CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF MY OFFICE. SO HELP ME GOLD.