

POLICE ORDER No. 24

Economy in the use of uniform. The following instructions shall be read out in Oriya to all assistant [sub-inspectors, of havildars and constables :—

Owing to the War all items of kit are becoming scarce and dear, so that we must expect to have less stocks than ever.

Therefore all ranks who get free issues must take greater care than ever of their uniforms and treat them just as if they were their own property.

Higher ranks who buy their own uniforms know how to take real care of them and get them promptly repaired at home or by darzis and moochies. Lower ranks must learn to do the same.

Much saving can be effected if uniform is not worn while sleeping and cooking, by seeing that tears and frays are attended to atonce, by fining careless dhobis, and by picking up pieces which fall off such as metal toe-caps.

It is cheaper to spend an anna or two on repairs from one's own pocket than to be cut the price of a whole garment. Money so spent is just as much a contribution to the War as money directly subscribed.

All issuing and inspecting officers are instructed to enforce these orders strictly and to see that all delinquents are punished.

The Inspector-General trusts that the lower ranks will co-operate in this work and so save their officers from the unpleasant necessity of deducting pay for unfair wear and tear.

(Previous Police Order Reference No. 1 of 1942)