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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, RAJASTHAN

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To,

STANDING ORDERS No. 5/74  
All Ss.P. Rajasthan (including G.R.P.)  
All Commandants, RAC Battalions, Rajasthan.  
All D.Is.G. of Police, Rajasthan.

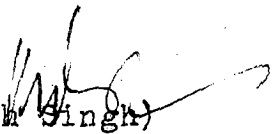
A few instances have come to notice recently in which the police personnel misbehaved with women committing criminal assault and rape in some cases but the action taken by the superior officers including the Ss.P./Range D.Is.G. was inadequate and also delayed. This attitude towards the cases of misbehaviour of policemen with the women needs to be changed completely in view of the fact that great damage is done by a few such errant policemen to the image of the police in the eyes of the public.

2. There are few things which arouse so much anger against the police as ill-treatment of women and the news that the modesty of women has been outraged is rarely treated as the misconduct of individual policemen. Anti-social elements and political forces find a ready-made issue to launch an attack on the police administration and all the good work done patiently over a long period by the police is wiped off in one single day by such a news item.

3. Strict measures to deal with delinquent policemen will take the edge out of public criticism and the image of the police will not be spoiled. It is wiser to take permanent measures to minimise the possibility of such an incident. Experience shows that several serious incidents could be traced back to cases of misbehaviour which have been styled as "minor". We should not retain in the police force one who has been proved, on careful enquiry, to have been guilty of such offences. The police is too sensitive a place to keep such delinquent and, in spite of our sympathies for the family of the delinquent, he should be removed from the Force on the first case. From the individual angle this may appear to be harsh but it is essential from the view point of the police force as a whole and public good.

4. (a) If a police officer has committed or is suspected to have committed a cognisable offence involving the modesty of women and if there is prima-facie evidence, he should be immediately arrested and sent to Jail.
- (b) In the case of non-cognizable offence, permission should be immediately taken from the Magistrate concerned to investigate the case.
- (c) The Press and other concerned should be informed immediately about the action taken against the alleged offender so that the public may come to know the facts before a mischief monger or interested person circulates twisted versions. The police authorities should be the first to inform the Press and the Public about any serious misbehaviour of policemen.
- (d) Senior officers (Ss.P./D.Is.G) should personally take the initiative to ensure that public is informed in time and in proper form. They should deal with such situations themselves as subordinate officer may try to shield the defaulter. It is absolutely wrong to let the cognisable offence of this type be dealt with as mere departmental misconduct because this will be suspected by the public as an effort to hush up the matter.
5. The maintenance of confidence of the local population depends a good deal on the choice of the agency for making a thorough enquiry.
- (i) If a cognisable criminal offence has been registered, the investigation will have to be done by the Police. No one who has been suspected of hushing up the matter should be entrusted with the investigation. Preferably, a gazette officer in whose impartiality and integrity the people have confidence, should be entrusted with the investigation.
- (ii) Similarly, if it is a departmental enquiry, it should be done by an officer who can inspire confidence. As far as possible, the officer conducting the enquiry should, at least be two ranks higher.
- (iii) It is essential that the Investigating Officer or the Enquiry Officer should not be overburdened with other duties so that he may be able to complete his enquiry expeditiously.

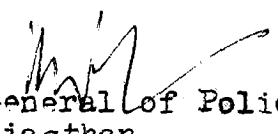
6. There is, in a few cases, the desire to buy immediate peace by agreeing to do all that the agitated public demands without the real intention of fulfilling the spirit of the assurances. This is dangerous game as this will create a credibility gap between the people and the police administration. It is best to give reasonable assurance and then fulfil these speedily.

  
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