THE RAJASTHAN IDENTIFICATION OF PRISONERS RULES, 1956

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Rajasthan Identification of Prisoners Act, 1956 (12 of 1956) the Government of Rajasthan hereby makes the following rules, namely:

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement.— These rules may be called the Rajasthan Identification of Prisoners Rules, 1956 and shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Rajasthan Gazette.

2. Definitions.— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Act" means the Rajasthan Identification of Prisoners Act, 1956 (12 of 1956).

(b) "Section" means a section of the Act.

Place and Manner of Taking Measurements and Photographs

3. Place at which measurements and photographs under section 3 can be taken.— (1) Measurements and photographs under section 3 may be taken,—

(a) in jail, if the person whose photograph and measurements are to be taken is in jail;

(b) at a Police Station or at any other convenient place selected by the Police Officer, if the person whose photograph or measurements are to be taken is in the custody of the Police.

(2) If a person whose photograph or measurements are to be taken under section 3 has been released from the Jail before the measurements or photograph could be taken or is not in the custody of the Police, he shall on receipt of an order in writing from the Officer in charge of a Police Station attend at such place and time as may be specified in such order, on the date mentioned therein, for the purpose of having his measurements and photographs taken.

(3) No person whose photograph or measurements have been taken under section 3 shall be required under sub-rule (2) to attend a Police Station or other place for the purpose of having his photograph or measurements taken again under section 3 unless such person again becomes liable under section 3 to have his photograph or measurements taken, unless photograph or measurements last taken are, in the opinion of the Officer in charge of the Finger Print Bureau and Modus Operandi Bureau or any Police Officer having jurisdiction, defective.

4. Measurements under section 3 and 4, how to be taken.-(1) Measurements may be taken of the whole or any part of the body.

(2) Measurements of a woman shall be taken by another woman only, and with strict regard to decency.

(3) The measurements and photographs to be taken shall be such as are, in the opinion of the Police Officer taking them, necessary for the further identification of the person concerned.

(4) Finger impression shall be taken by applying printer's ink to the palmar surface of the fingers and thumbs above the first joint and then applying the surface so inked to a paper-form, prepared so as to show the impression of each finger or thumb in the space provided for it.

(5) Footprint impression shall ordinarily be taken by applying the printer's ink to the sole of the foot and then applying the inked surface to a sheet of paper or by tracing the outline of the foot, with or without shoes or boots on a sheet of a paper.

(6) The photographs may be taken full face, side face, head bust or full length.

This rule applies to measurements and photographs taken under section 3 and section 4 but whenever measurements and photographs are taken under section 4, any order to the contrary, if any, of the Magistrate who has directed the person to allow his measurements or photographs to be taken, shall be complied with.

5. Dress to be worn by a person being photographed under section 3 and his identification by witnesses.--The person to be photographed under section 3 shall, when he is not in Jail, be first identified by two witnesses and shall wear his ordinary clothes and shall be bare-headed or wear headgear as required by the Police Officer under whose direction the photograph is being taken. Such person may also be required to allow himself to be photographed wearing any other kind of clothes if there is reason to suspect that he has worn such clothes for the commission of any offence.
Custody and Disposal of Photographs and Measurements

6. Custody and disposal of measurements and photographs taken under Section 3.-- (1) Photographs and measurements of person mentioned in clauses (a), (b) and (c) of section 3 together with negatives and all copies thereof shall be recorded and kept in safe custody with the Superintendent of Police, C.I.D., Rajasthan or the District Superintendent of Police.

(2) Spare copies of such measurements or photographs may be supplied to any Superintendent of Police or his subordinates within whose jurisdiction there is no reason to believe that the person to whom the said measurements or photographs relate has committed an offence or resides.

(3) Measurements of person mentioned in clause (d) of section 3 shall remain in the custody of the Police until the case is finally decided, and thereafter shall be disposed of in the manner prescribed by section 7.

(4) Nothing in this rule shall affect the provisions of section 6.

7. Custody and disposal of photographs and measurements taken under section 4.-- When a Magistrate of the first class directs under section 4 that any person shall allow his measurements or photographs together with the negatives and all copies thereof shall be handed over to the Magistrate giving such direction, and shall remain the property of the Court, or otherwise used as the Court may deem fit, and shall, subject to the provisions of section 6, be disposed of finally in such manner as the court may order.

Publication in Police Gazette

8. Reproduction of photos and measurements in Police Gazette.-- The Superintendent of Police, C.I.D. Rajasthan Jaipur, may in his discretion, order the reproduction in the Police Gazette of photographs and measurements taken under section 3. All photo-Zinco Blocks prepared in connection with such publication shall remain in charge of the Superintendent of Police, C.I.D. Rajasthan, Jaipur.