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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR

No. CID/CB/SPT/RR (101)88/ 1736-1932

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STANDING ORDER No. 4, /88

Subject:- YARDSTICK FOR CASES PENDING INVESTIGATION.

Following yardstick for pendency of cases (F.I.Rs) under investigation was laid down vide PHQ Order No. CID/CB/SPT/R.R. (93)81/8126-60 dated December 8, 1981 :-

(a) Total number of cases pending investigation should not exceed 10% of the total number of cases registered during the previous year;

(b) Total number of cases pending investigation for over three months should not exceed 1 1/2 % of the total number of cases registered during the previous year.

2. The total number of cognizable IPC cases (F.I.Rs) during the last three years was as follows :-

S.No.	Head	1985	1986	1987
1.	DACOITY	78	62	90
2.	ROBBERY	1116	1106	1051
3.	MURDER	1017	1112	1139
4.	RIOT	13741	13324	12177
5.	BURGLARY	6508	6434	6381
6.	THEFT	12394	12263	11351
7.	RAPE	522	598	604
8.	OTHER IPC OFFENCES	43500	46305	47058
TOTAL IPC OFFENCES		78876	81118	79851

3. Thus, about 80,000 IPC cases are registered per year and 58.75 % out of these fall under the head, "Other IPC Offences". If cases registered under 'Minor and Special' Acts are added, the total number of cases investigated every year comes to about 90 thousand. Minor Act cases under Excise Act or RPO can be investigated in a week. Even most of the cases falling under the heads, "Other IPC Offences" and "Riots", barring a few exceptions, can be challaned within a fortnight.

4. The investigation of cases under the heads 'Dacoity', 'Robbery', 'Burglary' and 'Theft' is time consuming. Sometimes even cases of kidnapping or abduction can require more than average investigation time. Cases of criminal breach of

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trust, misappropriation and cheating, involving fraudulent entries in official or business records, take maximum time, as opinion of fingerprint or Handwriting experts may be required.

5. Investigation of 'Burglary' or property cases leaves much to be desired. The tendency of investigating officers to write formal ("Takkili") case diaries, without any genuine investigation, must be firmly curbed. Persons previously challaned under the same head of crime as well as suspects, belonging to the same police station or to the adjoining police stations, should be interrogated and their whereabouts at the actual time of commission of offence should be ascertained. Supervisory officers should ensure that quality of investigation of Burglary/Property cases is not sacrificed at the altar of expediency.

6. Under the Excise Act or M.D.P.S. Act, as the samples have to be examined by the F.S.L., the cases remain pending investigation till the receipt of Expert's opinion. But if the investigating officer and the J.H.O. are convinced about the genuineness of the seized goods, the fact can be certified and case challaned. Thereafter, expert opinion, on receipt, can be put in the court u/s 173 (8) Cr.P.C.

7. Thus, it becomes obvious that more than sixty percent of cognizable cases can be disposed off within less than a fortnight. Quick disposal of cases, without compromising the quality of investigation, should be our main objective. Promptitude in police investigations and quick disposal of cases goes a long way in redressal of public grievances and reduction of complaints. If the policemen at the grass root level i.e. at the Police Station are receptive, co-operative, willing to listen and to act promptly; the image of police improves.

8. To quantify the permissible limit of pendency of cases under investigation is a very difficult exercise. Experience has shown that if sincere attempts are made by all concerned in districts and circles, the level of overall pendency of investigations can be brought down to five percent of previous year's registration. Pendency of cases under investigation for over three months can also be brought down to one percent of last year's total incidence. This should be our target.

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9. Following steps will be helpful in bringing down the pendency :-

- (a) Every SHO must daily review the progress of all investigations of his Police Station and pull up malingering I.Os.
- (b) Every C.O. must write his crime digest register daily and review progress made by I.Os in investigations.
- (c) If the investigation has been pending for over 15 days, the Circle Officer should go to the Police Station and satisfy himself that there are genuine reasons for keeping the investigation pending.
- (d) If the investigation has crossed 30 day's mark, District Superintendent of Police must personally review the case in monthly crime meeting in presence of C.O. and S.H.O.
- (e) Once the investigation crosses 45 day's mark, District Superintendent should re-examine the case and satisfy himself regarding the genuineness of the attempts being made by the I.O., S.H.O. and C.O.
- (f) The Range Deputy Inspector General of Police can review cases pending for over 75 days during the round of the districts and issue instructions on the spot so that the possibility of cases remaining pending becomes minimal.

10. Level of pendency of investigations in districts is proposed to be monitored at PHO level every month. District Superintendent of Police should indicate, under the head 'Crime Situation', the following information :-

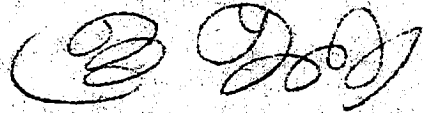
- (i) Total number of cases pending investigation;
- (ii) Percentage of pendency as compared to last year's total registration;
- (iii) Total number of cases pending investigation for over three months;
- (iv) Percentage of pendency of cases over three months as compared to last year's total registration.

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11. Similar information should be furnished by Range Dy.Is.G.P. in their M.C.D.Os. Dy.Is.G.P. and Ss.P. are to give detailed reasons if the pendency of cases is more than five percent overall and more than one percent in cases pending over three months. Disposal of a case means actual putting up of report u/s 173 Cr.P.C. in the court and not mere preparation of the charge sheet or final report.

12. The M.C.D.Os for the month of July '88 onwards, should contain the details mentioned above. The contents of this Standing Order should be explained, for compliance, to all SHOs.

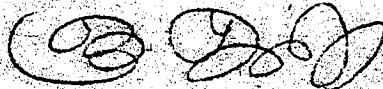
The receipt of this Standing Order may please be acknowledged.



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- All Addl.Ss.P. posted in districts.
- All Circle Officers, Rajasthan.



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