

STANDING ORDER No. 7/38

Subject: CONSTITUTION OF NAGRIK SAMITIS.

1 - INTRODUCTION.

In order to create a forum for a free and frank exchange of views and to initiate meaningful dialogue, between the Police and the public, at the level of a City Police Station, it has been decided to introduce a Scheme of Nagrik Samitis in the State. Accordingly, a Thana Nagrik Samiti, shall be constituted within the jurisdiction of each City Police Station. Such a Samiti would serve three fold purpose :

- (a) It would be a forum for the public to express and ventilate their genuine grievances about crime and policing in their areas.
- (b) It would be a conduit for inflow of useful intelligence, regarding crime and criminals and social and political matters, which would be helpful in better policing.
- (c) It would be a platform where the police and public could interact and unitedly plan to combat crime and thereby create committed public support and mass-base for fighting anti-social elements.

2. CONSTITUTION.

A Thana Nagrik Samiti would consist of 15-25 respectable citizens (depending upon the size of the Police Station), as its Members. These citizens should reside within the jurisdiction of the Police Station, come from different walks of life and represent various strata of society. These citizens should be social service oriented, who keep themselves abreast of what is happening in their locality and play a positive and constructive role in civic affairs. As far as possible, they should be politically neutral but socially active. They should not be the people who are likely to misuse their proximity to the Police. They should also not be the people, whose integrity and character is doubtful in the eyes of the people. They should be really highly respectable motbirs of the area. They should not suffer from the prejudices of caste, creed and community. In a nut-shell, they should be known to be honest, impartial and fair to all sections of the society. Selection of these persons will have to be made very carefully by the Superintendent of Police himself after due consultation with the Circle Officer and the Station House Officer. Before actually nominating these persons, the Superintendent of Police should sound them so that only willing persons are nominated to the Samiti. A Member should be nominated for one year, which can be extended, year to year, depending upon the active interest taken by him.

3. OBJECTIVES.

- (1) Inflow of intelligence from the public regarding crime, criminals, anti-social elements involved in eve-teasing, gambling, illicit trading in liquor, contraband drugs, rowdyism etc.

- (2) Suggesting ways and means of improving traffic Regulations and if necessary, implementing traffic warden scheme.
- (3) Suggesting and implementing joint police-public patrolling in high burglary-prone/sensitive areas.
- (4) Inflow of information regarding any misconduct on the part of police functionaries.
- (5) Eliciting public support to the police in handling important law and order problems and communal situations.
- (6) Sensitizing the public to the problems being faced by the police.
- (7) Creating a popular support base for over all improvement of criminal administration.

The role of the Samiti would be of advisory nature.

4. PROCEDURE.

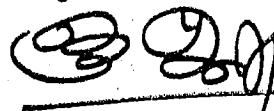
A Samiti should meet on a fixed day, once a month, in the Police Station premises. The meeting should be attended by the S.H.O. and the Circle Officer. The Minutes of the meeting should be recorded by the S.H.O. for follow-up action. The Circle Officer should monitor the follow-up action. He would also forward a summary of the proceedings to the Superintendent of Police, who would oversee the operation of the scheme. The Supdt. of Police/Addl. Supdt. of Police should also sometimes attend the meeting of the Thana Nagrik Samiti to appreciate at first hand, the problems of the area and view point/reactions of the people.

5. IMPLEMENTATION.

To make a beginning, this scheme will be introduced in all the Police Stations at all the district Headquarters, with effect from 1st. September 1988. Later, in the light of experience and success, this scheme could be extended to sub-divisional towns as well.

Please remember, the success of the scheme depends on :

- (a) the proper selection of the members of the Committee, and
- (b) the interest taken by the Superintendent of Police and the Circle Officer in implementing it.



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5. All Station House Officers I/C Police Stations at District Headquarters.

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