

POLICE



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Sub:-Guidelines for the issuance of Interpol Notices, especially Red Notices - Regarding.

The International Criminal Police Organisation (ICPO), popularly known as INTERPOL, is an agency constituted for International Police Co-operation. Each member country is represented by a National Central Bureau (NCB), which is the designated contact point for the Interpol Secretariat General (IPSG), at Lyon (France), its regional offices and other member countries for International Police Co-operation. Interpol Wing of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is the NCB for India.

02. Tracking fugitives beyond Indian boundaries is done with the help of Interpol (IPSG, Lyon) through its elaborate system of **Interpol Notices** for various Law Enforcement purposes. An Interpol Notice constitutes an international broadcast relating to specific information about crimes, criminals, suspects, deceased, etc. in response to requests from Law Enforcement Agencies of different countries. Interpol issues following types of Interpol notices, for different specific purposes, in relation to criminal investigations:-

- (i) **Red Notice:** used to seek the arrest with a view to extradition of subjects wanted and based upon an arrest warrant.
- (ii) **Blue Notice:** used to collect additional information about person's identity or illegal activities related to a criminal matter. This notice is primarily used for tracing and locating offenders when the decision to extradite has not yet been made, and for locating witnesses to crimes.
- (iii) **Green Notice:** Used to provide warnings and criminal intelligence about persons who have committed criminal offences, and are likely to repeat these crimes in other countries.
- (iv) **Yellow Notice:** Used to help locate missing persons, especially persons who are not minors, or to help identify able to identify themselves; suffering from amnesia.
- (v) **Black Notice:** Used to seek the true identify unidentified bodies.
- (vi) **Orange Notice:** Warns Police and other international organisations

about potential threats from disguised weapons (e.g. Parcel Bombs) or other dangerous materials.

(vii) **Purple Notice:** To seek or provide information on modus operandi, objects, devices, concealment methods used by criminals.

(viii) **Interpol – UNSC Special Notice:** Issued for groups and individuals who are the targets of UN Security council sanction committee.

[All the formats are available in CBI Website and can be downloaded]

03. The role of NCB-India is of tremendous importance, as it acts as an interface of Indian Police and other Law Enforcement Agencies in India with Police Forces and Law Enforcement Agencies of other countries as an important means for sharing and exchange of information on real time basis. To co-ordinate with CBI in matters relating to Interpol, Interpol Liaison Officers (**ILO**) have been designated in all States with usually ADGP/IG/DIG of Crime Branch CID acting in that capacity. In Kerala Police, Inspector General of Police (Crimes), South Zone, CBCID HQ, has been designated as ILO to deal with the matters relating to Interpol. An **Interpol Liaison Cell** should be established at CBCID Headquarters dealing with the International Police Co-operation consisting of One DySP/Detective Inspector and supporting staff. DySP (Admn), CBCID HQ, or any one of the DySPs. posted in CBCID HQ (assigned by ADGP Crimes), will be in charge of the Interpol Liaison Cell. The name, contact numbers and e-mail ids of officials posted at the Interpol Liaison Cell should be intimated to NCB-India for the regular updating of CBI website on real-time basis to facilitate timely communication.

04. The State Police and other Law Enforcement Agencies can make a request for issuing the various Interpol Notices in connection with cases investigated by them. For making such a request for issuing a Red Notice (RN) for the absconders and fugitives wanted by them, all the personal particulars along with the details of the offence and a copy of the valid Open Ended Warrant (without any time limit) of arrest is required to be sent to the IPCC of CBI for further processing and forwarding the RN request to the Interpol Headquarters in Lyon, France. It is also underlined here that the details of the extradition treaty or bilateral-arrangements may be supplied at the time of making the request for RN so that once the fugitive is located and detained in a foreign country; he can be extradited back to India under a formal agreement, treaty or arrangement.

05. Nowadays, the Red Notices can be opened in a single day by using the electronic format. The published notices are being hosted by the IPSG on its restricted web site (www.interpol.int). The printed Interpol notices form part of a vast number of investigative resources used by Interpol to assist the international law enforcement community in Police matters.

06. An Interpol RN invariably contains information regarding the identification of the wanted person/ fugitive and judicial information about the offence, relevant laws, the maximum penalty that can be imposed and the details of the countries from which the requesting country will seek the extradition of such fugitive. A copy of prescribed Proforma for Red Notice is annexed for ready reference.

07. If any Investigating Officer desires to issue any of the Interpol Notices mentioned above they should furnish the details in prescribed format and send it to the ILO ie. IGP(Crimes), South Zone through his Supervisory Officer. The ILO in turn scrutinise the details and forward the same to NCB-India, New Delhi for the issuance of the requested notice. The ILO also to intimate NCB-India about any developments regarding arrest, death etc. of the IPN subject immediately, for updating their records.

08. Contact Details of NCB, New Delhi is:

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Central Bureau of Investigation

CGO Complex, Lodhi Road

New Delhi – 110003

Tel 011-24364000, 24392170

Fax: 011-24364070

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09. Whenever a case, in which Interpol Notice has been published, is transferred by one Law Enforcement Agency to another LEA, (for example, from District Police to CB CID) the concerned transferring ILO/LEA should also inform expeditiously the other agency about the Interpol Notices under intimation to NCB-India for necessary updation of the records.

10. Sometimes, the Red Notices are issued at the behest of other Law Enforcement Agencies (other than Kerala Police). In such cases, these agencies can also visit the entry/exit points like Airports and Seaports and in these cases, the Nodal Officer will be the ILO for providing assistance or for co-ordination. In the event, the person against whom the Notice is issued is located, immediately the ILO should be informed and who will in turn inform the IPCC. Further, once a Red Notice is received by the ILO of Kerala Police, he should ensure that copies are made available offline or online on all entry and exit points in Kerala. (That means, Seaports and airports with the immigration authorities). Once such a person is located or detained it may be so required to take the person into custody and produce before the nearest Magistrate so as to detain him in judicial custody or restrict his movement by a judicial order till the time the issuing authority steps in to take appropriate action.

11. The above contents should be brought to the Notice of all the officers of and above the rank of Sub Inspectors, working under you. It must also be understood that, Red Notice is not a legal document; this notice is to facilitate the purpose for which it is issued, i.e., to handle fugitives.

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Loknath Behera IPS
Director General of Police &
State Police Chief

To

All Unit Heads (to circulate it to all the officers of and above the rank of SIs, working under you)

Copy to : CAs to all Officers in PHQ/Proceedings File/Stock File

