

Circular No. 10/2012

Sub:- Formation of "Special Investigation Support Team" [SIST] in support of Special Temple Anti Theft Squad [STATS] - Directions – Regarding.

Ref: 1. Executive Directive 12/2009
2. G.O. (Ms.) No. 110/10/Home Dated, 15.05.2010
3. PHQ Proceedings No. T3/72951/2010 dated 28.03.2012.

A Special Investigation Assistance Team comprising personnel from different units, who have shown professional excellence in the investigation of crimes, had been formed by Executive Directive No. 12/2009 and named as Temple Theft Investigation Special Team (TTIST). Subsequently Government by Order dated 15.05.2010 created a Special Temple Anti Theft Squad (STATS) in CBCID. Since the names of the Team and the Squad are similar, this creates some confusion. Therefore in confirmation of Order No. T3/72951/10 dated, 28.03.12, it is hereby ordered that the Special Team formerly known as TTIST shall henceforth be known as Special Investigation Support Team (SIST).

(2) It is also noteworthy that the performance of the members of the TTIST so far has been truly excellent and their contribution to enhancing the quality of investigation extremely laudable. Hence the arrangement is formalised by this Circular.

(3) Temple thefts and other types of sensational crimes have a wider societal impact. Delays in detection of such cases lead to adverse public opinion. Many such cases are being investigated by the CB CID, while others are being investigated by local police units concerned. The reach – both geographical and numerical – of the individual I.O is very limited but that of the criminal, particularly the professional criminal, is often statewide and beyond. The vast reach and greater manpower resources of the local Police are necessary for networking of investigations spread over large areas involving verification of the complicity of large number of persons. This cannot be done by an individual officer who may be investigating a particular case. Hence, to build up a data bank on professional offences and professional criminals involved therein and to ensure more effective and wide spread investigation through a properly supervised and co-ordinated investigative structure, the STATS supported by SIST has been constituted.

(4) Constitution:

The Team will be headed by the Superintendent of Police (STATS) or any SP of the CB CID, nominated by ADGP (Crimes) who will report directly to IGP (Crimes), CBCID. He will be assisted by members of the STATS on a regular basis. ADGP (Crimes) will be in overall charge of the Special Investigation Support Team (SIST).

(5) Investigative support by SIST:

Personnel in each Range drawn from the Local Police will perform duties in SIST in addition to their normal functions. Dy.SP Crime Detachment of the Range HQ will head the Range SIST Unit. To assist the DySsP, sufficient number of talented CIs, SIs and HCs / PCs also should be nominated for the Range Units by the Range IGP in consultation with ADGP(Crimes). New members will be taken in the manner indicated in para 9 below

(6) Investigation:

Unlocated Temple Theft Cases may be assigned for investigative support of SIST by the Range IGP. Moreover members of the SIST may give assistance in their district to any case investigated by another District SIST or by the STATS if request is received. All information on all

Temple Thefts and sensational cases occurring anywhere in the State must be exchanged among all the Teams in all the Ranges.

SIST will act as an agency for ensuring statewide sweep of investigative ambit.

Local SsP / CsP will ensure that whenever a Temple Theft Case occurs, the full details are communicated within 24 hours to all SIST Range Dy.SsP and the SP (STATS). STATS may takeover, at the discretion of ADGP, Temple Theft cases in which there is no clear identification of the accused in which the property worth more than one lakh is stolen. District Police Chiefs should also constantly meet the SIST members of the district and motivate them for collection of intelligence and proper assistance in different cases of the district.

(7) Data Bank:

The Superintendent of Police, STATS, will create a Data Bank of all relevant information on Temple Theft Cases. This will be maintained at the Headquarters. The database should be created on an Open Source platform to enable integration with departmental systems in future. This will be made accessible to all Investigating Officers in the State under proper authorization.

(8) Supervision:

ADGP (Crimes) will be in overall charge of the SIST. The Superintendent of Police will be responsible for the close monitoring and co-ordination of investigative assistance in all cases brought to the notice of members of the SIST.

(9) Members of the SIST will be given Membership Cards by the State Police Chief or by the ADGP (Crimes). All members of the earlier TTIST as on 01.01.2012 will be automatically members of SIST. New members will be taken by ADGP(Crimes) in consultation with Range IGP and District Police Chief concerned. They should be good in investigative tasks and knowledge of crime and criminals. They must be persons willing to spare extra time and effort with enthusiasm for crime work. Each new member should be suggested by an existing member of SIST and such membership endorsed by another two members of SIST from different Districts.

(10) ADGP(Crimes) may provide facilities for necessary communication and other investigation related expenses incurred by the members of the SIST. It is to be noted that, for each case under investigation, Financial Rules allow a certain amount of investigation related expenses to be incurred for the purpose of the investigation of the case. Since the members of the SIST are engaged in the investigation of cases, the investigation related expenses may be calculated and reimbursed to them by ADGP(Crimes). This may cover expenditure incurred for collection of information, communication of information, stationery expenses etc. But it has to be ensured that the total expenditure incurred in this regard by all the members of the team taken together does not exceed the maximum limit prescribed for each case multiplied by total number of cases. Such amount may be duly drawn and reimbursed to the concerned.

State Police Chief

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