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Sub: - Modernization of Police Force - Use of Modern Investigation Kit Boxes - Reg.

To effectively aid the Police Officers in scientific investigation of crime cases, Modern Investigation Kit Boxes (list of items available in the Boxes is appended) have been issued to every Police Station, each C.I. Office and to each SDPO Office in January 2005. However, it is noticed that these Kit Boxes have not been put to effective use.

02. The items in this Kit Box can be put to use in situations relating to law and order, public peace and at scenes of crime. The Finger Print Kit attached along with the box can be used to lift chance prints from the scene of crime and to record prints of accused/suspects. Similarly, the Footprints Frame, Surgical and Plastic gloves, Cellophane Tapes and Tools such as pliers, forceps, glass cutter, knife, claw hammer, tapes etc can be used at the scene of crime to collect evidence.

03. It is instructed that the SHOs/CIs/SDPOs should carry this box with them in their official vehicle while going for patrol/law and order duties, so that even the basic needs for a note pad, paper or pen will be met.

04. Some of the items in the Kit Boxes are expendable and need to be replaced. The white and black powder, tube of ink, gloves, cellophane tapes, spray, markers, soap, turpentine, shellac and spirit will be supplied as replacement as and when requested by the concerned.

05. To ensure the proper use and accounting of the Investigation Kit Boxes, the following instructions are issued for strict compliance and future guidance.

a. Whenever a case of homicide, accidental/suicidal or unnatural death, HB and Theft or rape is reported, the first team which goes to the scene of crime from the Police Station should carry the kit box.

b. In the first CD, there should be a mention that the Modern Scientific Kit Box was put to use, detailing the evidence collected and the particular item in the Kit Box employed to collect the evidence.

c. Senior Officers visiting Police Stations/CI Offices/SDPOs Office should also check whether the Kit Box was used by the concerned officer and whether any item requires replacement.

- d. In each office where a Kit Box was issued, there should be a register documenting all cases in which the Kit Box was used and specifying what evidence was collected using which item in the Kit Box. This register will be subject to scrutiny by Senior Officers during station visits/inspections.
- e. This register should also list the items which were replaced/needs to be replaced, so that the Kit Boxes are kept in good condition at all times.
- f. Suggestions for improvement regarding any item in the Kit Box that needs improvement or change and need for any additional equipment/item may be forwarded through proper channel to the undersigned.
- g. The Finger Print Staff, the staff of Photographic Bureau, FSL Staff, Scientific Assistant should also check up the use of the Kit Box in Police Stations. They should also periodically train Police Station staff in the use of the Kit Boxes.
06. The above instructions should be complied with by all officers to whom Kit Boxes have been issued. Any laxity or misuse or even disuse will be viewed seriously and appropriate corrective action taken.

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