

**Circular No. 18/2010**

Sub:- Explosive License Check-instructions issued – Regarding

- Ref:-
1. PHQ Circular No. 23/67
  2. PHQ Circular No. 134/70
  3. PHQ Circular No. 43/71
  4. PHQ Circular No. 10/78
  5. PHQ Circular No. 7/98
  6. PHQ Circular No. 30/98

It has been found that the Explosive Licence checks conducted by the Circle Inspectors of Police are mostly confined to verification of the validity of the explosive licence and of the quantity in stock. A meaningful check of the premises of the explosive licencees has become necessary in the light of reports indicating serious misuse of explosive licences for terrorist/fundamentalist and other nefarious activities. The following instructions are issued with a view to make explosive licence check by Police Officers meaningful and effective.

**02.** An Officer carrying out explosive checking shall carry out the same in the manner prescribed below, looking into each aspect and entering his specific finding thereon.

- i) Verification of the validity of the licence.
- ii) Verification of the quantity of explosives stored.
- iii) Verification of the premises where the explosives are stored and verification whether the premises are safe for keeping explosives.
- iv) Verification of the extent of risk to the neighbouring premises.
- v) Listing out of the persons (with addresses and licence numbers) to whom explosives have been sold by the licensee during the period of one year prior to the date of check or the date of last check, whichever is later.
- vi) Listing out of the sources (persons) from whom the checked licence –holder has purchased explosives. All relevant details like the date on which the licence-holder has purchased the explosives, the items and quantity purchased and the mode of transportation should be listed out.

vii) Listing out and verification of all registers maintained by the licensee.

viii) Verification of the total quantity of explosives purchased and sold by the licensee for a period of one year prior to the check.

**03.** Verification of the persons to whom the licensee had sold explosives during the period of one year prior to the check may be done on the basis of the collected information. The purpose for which the explosives purchased by such persons should also be verified. This should be done when checking the premises of the purchaser licensee. In case, the purchasers are from outside the jurisdiction of the Checking Officer, their names and addresses should be communicated to the SIs/CIs concerned for verification at the time they conduct the check. Copies of such communication may be marked to the District SB for similar verification through SB sources.

**04.** Information may be collected on houses/other premises owned by the licensee as to whether the licensee has a tendency to store explosives in such premises. If any reasonable suspicion is there, then such premises also may be checked.

**05.** Whenever any serious violation is noticed, the Checking Officer should report the same to the Licensing Authority through the CP/SP, and may even recommend cancellation of the licence in deserving cases.

**06.** The SDPOs should conduct a detailed check of at least 4 Explosive Licences every year in every circle under them in the manner prescribed above.

**07.** The Explosive Check Register may be maintained with an Annexure in the form of a Loose Leaf Index so that the details collected as prescribed above at the time of checks can be incorporated under each licensee.

**08.** It is recommended that the BDDS teams of each district may be called into check the adjoining premises of the licensees including the houses and other buildings, if any, owned by the licensees if there are reasonable grounds to believe that they keep explosives at such places unauthorisedly for the purpose of illegal sales.

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