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Women should not be summoned to Police Stations;

DGP Warns Police Officers

The State Police Chief Loknath Behera has directed all the police officers to strictly follow the procedures on summoning women to police stations and recording their statements. He has also warned that departmental action will be initiated against officers who fail to follow the procedures on the same.

He has also directed the police officers to strictly follow the procedures in the criminal procedure code while recording the statement of women. A woman police officer or woman officer should record the statements of a woman against whom an offence has been committed under IPC 326(A), 326(B), 354, 354(A), 354(B), 354(C), 354(D), 375, 376, 376(A), 376(B), 376(C), 376(D), 376(E) and 509. Such women should be provided legal assistance and help of women organizations. If the woman is physically or mentally challenged, the statements should be recorded at her house or a place of her convenience. The statements should be noted with in the presence of a Special Educator or Interpreter or Medical officer. It can be video graphed too.

As per 161(3) of Criminal Procedure Code, statements can be recorded either in audio or in video format. The statements given by the women need not get signed by them.

According to the proviso under Section 161(1) of CrPC, no women shall be called to the police stations and the statement should be recorded at their house itself. The officer who conducts investigation and interrogation should respect the human and legal rights of a person. New directions are issued after many officers were found violating the directives.
