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Guidelines issued to make Police Stations functioning more effective

Anil Kant, State Police Chief, has issued guidelines to make the functioning of Police Stations in the state more effective.

Complaints of atrocities against women should be dealt with in a timely manner by the Station House Officer himself. Upon receipt of such a complaint, immediate action should be taken to ensure the safety of the victims.

The Station House Officer will be responsible for ensuring that receipts are issued for complaints received at Police Stations. The Inspectors themselves should hear the complaints of those who come to the Police Stations. FIR should be filed immediately in serious complaints. These matters should be monitored by the Station House Officer or the DySP.

The duties assigned to the policemen in the Police Stations should be recorded in their notebook by the Station House Officer or in their absence by the Principal SI. If those arrested and brought to the station are found to have been drunk or under the influence of drugs, they should be subjected to a medical examination immediately and legal action should be taken against them.

Respective sub-divisional police officers should be aware of the complete details of those arrested in crime cases in each station and those locked up in Police Stations during night. This will ensure that no one is illegally detained.

The Station House Officer should ensure that those arrested in non-bailable cases are brought to court within the stipulated time after completing the medical examination.

If the Police officers, who are supposed to be the guardians of human rights, found detaining criminals illegally, strict action will be taken against them.

Police Officials should make it a habit to prepare an inspection memo irrespective of the fact that a case is registered or not. If injuries are found after a physical examination on the body of the criminals apprehended by the locals, it should be recorded in the inspection memo. Subsequently, a medical examination should be done and further action should be taken.

It has been noticed that some Station House Officers are reluctant to interrogate criminals caught by the police squad and shadow police. Following this, the shadow team itself interrogates them which often leads to torture. The fact that the investigating officer does not know the details of the case affects the prosecution proceedings also. Therefore the presence of the Station House Officer and the Investigating Officer is required during the interrogation of criminals.

Police officers should control their habit of expressing personal opinions over political matters on social media platforms. The official email address and phone number should not be used to open a personal account on social media.

The practice of asking the complainants to buy necessary stationery for the Police Stations should be stopped immediately. Money granted to the Police Stations as permanent advance has been increased to Rs 5,000. District Police Chiefs and DySPs should ensure that this amount is spent effectively.

District Police Chiefs and Sub-Divisional Police Officers will pay special attention to evaluate the day-to-day operations of Police Stations and rectify mistakes, if any. Morning and evening SATA conference and liaison with the State Special Branch officers shall be used for this.
