

## **STANDING ORDER NO. 09 /2001**

Subject: **INTIMATION OF THE ARREST OF ACCUSED**

It is assumed that the information of the arrest of any person will be communicated to the family members of the arrested person. There is, however, no formal system for giving the intimation of the arrest of an accused person to his family. In a number of cases the intimation to the family of the arrested persons is delayed which at time causes untold hardships.

2. In view of the above it is directed that whenever a Police officer affects an arrest, he shall also inform the next of kin at the earliest possible opportunity. The intimation shall be passed on through telephone or other means and the name of the person informed will be noted in the case diary and an entry in the daily diary be made.
3. The officer affecting the arrest will also be responsible to convey the information to the Police complaint cell, which will be functioning at the district headquarters.
- 4.. The requirements of informing the next of kin may be dispensed with where an officer of the rank of ASP/DSP has grounds for believing that such intimation:
  - i. Will lead to or harm to the evidence connected with a serious cognizable offence or interference with physical harm to other person;
  - ii. Will lead to the alerting of other person/persons suspected of having committed such an offence but not yet arrested for it, or
  - iii. Will hinder the recovery of property obtained in consequence of the commission of such offences.
5. Gazetted officers on their visit to Police Station shall ascertain the compliance of this order.
6. Any violation of the above Standing Order shall be used as grounds for punishments for “conduct unbecoming of a Police Officer” as laid down in the Police E & D Rules 1975.
7. This Standing Order shall come into force with immediate effect and remain valid unless revised/replaced.