

STANDING ORDER NO. 02 / 2006

(Women Protection)

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This Standing Order is issued for gender sensitization of Police and Protection of Women.

APPLICABILITY

- a) This Standing Order shall apply throughout the general Police area NWFP.
- b) It shall come into force with immediate effect.

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Women play a vital role in the society and are required to be respected and treated honorably.

There are general complaints that women are not given due respect by the Police, are maltreated and the laws promulgated for their protection are violated. The respect of "Chaddar and Char Dewari" is eroded during searches and arrest of women and the provision of Criminal Procedure Code and Police Order are not followed in letter and spirit. Section 497 CrPC was recently promulgated which shall be strictly followed. Article 3 and 4 of the Police Order enshrine duties and responsibilities of Police which pertain to the Human Rights and are mandatory in nature, the violation of which is punishable under Articles 155, 156 and 157 of Police Order.

All the sections of CrPC Articles of Police Order and offence of 'Swara' etc concerning women may be included in the syllabus of various courses in the Police Training College and Recruitment Training Wing if not already done.

Seminars and Workshops be arranged with the assistance of Non Government Organizations for gender sensitization of Police.

All laws and procedure pertaining to women may be translated in Urdu and displayed at a conspicuous place in the Police Offices and Police Stations. Awareness about such laws be created among the Police. 'Sawara' i.e. giving a female in marriage in "Badal-i-Suleh" has been declared as an offence under section 310-A PPC. The section shall be strictly implemented and the practice of 'Swara' be discouraged. Women Protection Bill when passed shall be followed in letter and spirit.

VIOLATION

The violation of this Order shall lead to departmental action beside penal action under the aforesaid Articles of Police Order.