

Manual IV
DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS

(as laid out in Police Regulations, Volume I)

612.(b) The functions of the department include the following :-

- I. The collection and distribution of information relating to --
 - (1) The classes of crime detailed below which are ordinarily the work of professional criminals:--
 - (i) Dacoity;
 - (ii) highway, railway or mail robbery;
 - (iii) counterfeiting coin or stamps, forging Government currency or promissory notes and uttering or being in possession of the same;
 - (iv) drugging or poisoning;
 - (v) swindling;
 - (vi) murder for gain;
 - (vii) insurance frauds of serious nature;
 - (viii) cases of bank frauds;
 - (ix) crime on railways.
 - (2) Professional criminals and criminal tribes whose operations extend beyond the limits of a single district.
- II. (i) To control, assist or advise as circumstances require, enquiries or investigations into crime of the classes described in (I) above as well as into crime of the classes which arises out of such enquiries or investigations.
 - (ii) To control or assist enquiries and investigations in connection with cases under sections 400 and 401 of the Indian Penal Code, and proceedings under sections 109 and 110 of the Code of Criminal Procedure against members of specially formidable gangs of criminals.
 - (iii) To control prosecutions arising out of the institution of false civil suits(vide Appendix XXX).
- III. To assist or advise the local police in, or to take control of, enquiries or investigations into other serious crime in which such control, advice or assistance is invoked by local authorities with the approval of the Inspector-General or as ordered by the Inspector-General or any higher authority.
- IV. To make enquiries concerning crime described in (I) above and other crime with the approval or under orders of the Inspector-General or any other authority.

NOTE.- Counterfeit coins presented at railway stations should be transmitted to the Mint for examination by the Deputy Inspector-General to whom the Railways shall transmit copies of their statement of counterfeit coins, and who should detain one specimen of similar coins when more than one is received by the Railways (Government Circular No. 24F., dated the 11th March 1912). Enquiries regarding obscene publications will be dealt with by the Criminal Investigation Department.

Definition of “enquiry” and “investigation”:-

613. “Investigation” in the above regulation has the meaning attached to it in the Code of Criminal Procedure. “Enquiry” means the collection of information prior to an “investigation”. The power to investigate does not arise until either there is reason to suspect the commission of a cognizable offence, which an officer in charge of a police-station is empowered to investigate under section 156 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (see also section 157), or, if the offence be non-cognizable a Magistrate directs an investigation under section 155 of that Code.

Collection and distribution of information:-

614. Information relating to serious crime, criminals and other matters of interest to the police is chiefly collected from -

- (i) special reports, first information reports in swindling cases and express letters as laid down in Appendix XV;
- (ii) special reports received from other provinces;
- (iii) confession of convicts;
- (iv) case histories kept on record in the Criminal Intelligence Bureau;
- (v) finger print slips received in the bureau;
- (vi) notice received for insertion in the “Criminal Intelligence Gazette”;
- (vii) Police Gazettes of other provinces and of Calcutta;
- (viii) reports on crime and criminals received from officers.

Note.- It is also the duty of the Assistant to the Deputy Inspector-General to peruse weekly the gazettes of other provinces, and extract therefrom all matters of interest to the police in Bengal for publication in this province.

Distribution of information – Criminal Intelligence Gazette:-

615. The “Criminal Intelligence Gazette” is the principal medium for distribution of information. Information is also communicated, if available, on receipt of references from the District Police to the Criminal Intelligence Bureau, Finger Print Bureau and other sections of the Criminal Investigation Department

I.- Control and assistance in enquiries and investigations.

Deputy Inspector-General may assume control or only assist. (12, Act V, 1861):-

616. The Deputy Inspector-General, Criminal Investigation Department, may either assume control of enquiries or investigations, subject to the provisions of regulation 612 or may advise or assist without assuming control.

Responsibility of Deputy Inspector-General of Criminal Investigation Department

and Ranges (12, Act V, 1861) :-

617. With the assumption of control the responsibility is transferred from the Deputy Inspector-General of the Range to the Deputy Inspector-General, Criminal Investigation Department. The former shall refrain from passing any orders or comments on enquiries or investigations controlled by the latter.

Such control includes the determination of the broad lines of enquiry or investigations, as well as such supervision of the conduct of the same thereafter, as will prevent serious errors or irregularities. Superintendents of districts, except in the special cases mentioned in regulation 621, are responsible under such control, for details of enquiry or investigation within their districts, but they shall, in all cases controlled by the Criminal Investigation Department, consult the Deputy Inspector-General of that department before ordering the submission of charge-sheets or final reports. In enquiries or investigations in which the Criminal Investigation Department assists or advises, the responsibility of control remain with the Deputy Inspector-General of the Range. The Deputy Inspector-General, Criminal Investigation Department, shall issue no orders in respect of enquiries or investigations of which he has not assumed control.

Method of assuming control. (12, Act V, 1861):-

618. (a) The Deputy Inspector-General, Criminal Investigation Department, may issue control of an enquiry or investigation at any stage. On assuming control he shall inform the Deputy Inspector-General of the Range forthwith, sending a copy of his intimation direct to the Superintendent or Superintendents concerned.

(b) In excise cases in which the investigation must extend to more than one district, or in which there are intricacies which cannot be dealt with without the aid of a specially skilled detective, the services of an officer of the Criminal Investigation Department, shall be requisitioned by the Commissioner of Excise. In emergencies such requisition may also be made by an officer of lower rank. The Deputy Inspector-General, Criminal Investigation Department, shall, if he thinks fit and if he has an officer available, depute one and also decide whether the officer deputed shall be placed at the disposal of the Commissioner of Excise or whether the control of enquiry shall be taken over by the Criminal Investigation Department.