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Office of the
Director General and
Inspector General of Police,
Karnataka State, Bengaluru-01.
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Sub : Monitoring and reviewing of the cases registered under
SC & ST (PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES) ACT, 1989.

Ref : 1) Govt. Order No, HD 126 CWP 2014, dated 20/10/2014.
2) This office Memo No. CRM-2/31/2014, dated: 5-2-2015.

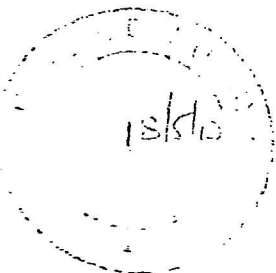
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The Department has taken serious note on the cases that ended in acquittal under SC & ST (POA) Act, 1989. The reasons ascertained for the acquittal of cases are due to complainants; Panch witnesses; and Eye witnesses turning hostile; contradiction in statements during the trial; settlement out of the court and due to lapses on the part of the I.Os. which ultimately causes the poor rate of conviction.

To improve the rate of conviction and lapses committed by Investigating Officers during the investigation. The below instructions should be followed:

- The causes for acquittal should be viewed seriously.
- Ensure the District SPs and DCPs compulsorily visit the scene of offence issue instructions to the I.O in writing and evince personal interest in the progress of the investigation of these cases.
- Henceforth in these cases all Panchnamas and statement of witnesses should be videographed; copy of the video recording taken; 65B I.E. Act certificate obtained and should be brought in PF and kept in the case record, so as to keep a check on the I.Os to ensure that they are recording the complaint and statements of witnesses properly.
- Range IGPs/COPs should personally also keep check with complainants/witnesses on the authenticity of statement recorded. They should ask SPs/DCPs also to do so.

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- The trial should be monitored by officer of the rank of not less than SP/DCP. While monitoring it should be ensured that witnesses are refreshed so as to ensure that the case ends in conviction.
- Range IGs and COPs to ensure that instructions on aforesaid are put in place and if it is noticed that the instructions are not followed by the Unit Officers, they should be taken to task.
- Range IGs/COPs should also visit the scene of offence in some of the grave cases and issue instructions to the Unit Officers/I.O.
- File appeal in co-ordination with the Prosecution department in cases which are acquitted without appreciation of evidence and in cases where the quantum of punishment is less.
- To ensure that the percentage of conviction in the cases registered under SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 is raised in next 6 months.
- The Range IGs and CPs are instructed to ensure that the District SPs/DCPs monitor the progress in investigation in these cases and also during trial and if any lapses are noticed to take to task concerned SP/DCP for their failure in supervising the progress of these cases.
- Further it is also instructed that, irrespective of the order issued memo dated 5/2/2015 cited at ref.-2 regarding review of acquittal cases, these cases would directly be reviewed by the Committee headed by Range IGs and COPs. The review should be done once in a quarter on a regular basis.

The concerned Officers are directed to comply with above instructions.



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To

- 1) The Commissioners of Police, Bengaluru City/Mysuru City/Belagavi-City/Hubli-Dharwad City/Mangaluru City.
- 2) All Range Inspectors General of Police.
- 3) All the Superintendents of Police, in charge of Districts including KGF and Railways.

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