

Re.No. 96922/Con.IV(1)/98

Office of the
Director-General of Police,
Admiralty House,
Government Estate,
Anna Salai, Chennai-2.

Dated: 20.5.98.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM

Sub: Explosives and Explosive substances- Role of Police in the disposal of explosive devices- instructions issued.

Ref: Circular No. A2/4840/98 dated 4.4.98 of Director of Forensic Science Department.

The attention of all Superintendents of Police of Districts and Commissioners of Police is invited to the circular memorandum issued by the Director of Forensic Science Department cited. (copy enclosed). In paragraphs 3 and 4 of the circular, the measures to be adopted by the Investigating Officers in handling the I.E.D. have been detailed. All Investigating Officers should be suitably instructed to follow the procedures detailed without fail. ON NO ACCOUNT THE "LIVE BOMBS" SEIZED SHOULD BE TRANSPORTED.

2) Sect. 7 of the Explosives Act, 1884 lays down that the procedure for search shall be followed as laid down in Cr.P.C. 1973. In cases where the Controller of Explosives is not helping readily even after necessary information, (especially when the quantity of explosives is large and it cannot be stored, without danger to public and property), the B.D.D.S. Unit may take photographs/videograph of the I.E.D. and its components and then defuse or dispose of the explosives, after preparation of an Observation Mahazar and Recovery Mahazar signed by at least two respectable witnesses and send a report to the court along with the remains of the defused explosive device and components, for necessary scientific examination through such court.

3) The defusal and disposal of explosives is a very serious aspect of the concerned criminal case and even minor deviation of the procedural law would result in the acquittal of criminal case. The procedure adopted by the Police should be in strict conformity with legal requirements under

Explosives Act and Cr.P.C. 1973. Hence, all the Unit officers are directed to give instructions to subordinate officers for strict compliance of the above.

4) Receipt of this circular memorandum should be acknowledged.

W.M.D. 28.5.78

Encl.

for Director-General of Police.

To

- All Superintendents of Police of Districts.
- All Commissioners of Police.
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- Copy to the Director-General of Police (Training).
- Copy to the Addl. Director-Genl. of Police, Crime.
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