

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION
CHANDIGARH POLICE

STANDING ORDER No. 77/2015

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION OF OFFICIAL INFORMATIONS TO THE MEDIA.

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The Chandigarh Administration, Department of Personnel vide letter No. 147(GOI)-III-(7)-99/4168, dated 4.3.99 has issued certain guidelines for contact with the media regarding official matters as well as instructions issued by Government of India from time to time regarding interaction of government employees with the press/media. The Inspector General of Police, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Senior Superintendent of Police/UT/Chandigarh, Commandant IRB, Senior Superintendent of Police/Security & Traffic, Senior Superintendent of Police/Headquarters and Senior Superintendent of Police/Operations have been authorized to brief the press/media about matters pertaining to Law & Order, Crime & Investigation, Intelligence, Security, Traffic and Police Measures, etc. Whenever any major breakthrough or any achievement is made by a particular unit of Chandigarh Police, a press release is issued by the GO concerned. It has been seen that while issuing such press releases the GOs concerned or I/C Unit mention their names prominently in the press release, which is a wrong practice. It shall also be ensured that only relevant information regarding achievement and the unit concerned is mentioned in the press release and all references shall be issued under the title of Chandigarh Police after prior approval of concerned SSP/SP only. No unauthorized officer shall speak to the media

in any circumstances. Any deviation by the police officer/official concerned from these instructions should be viewed seriously and action should be taken against such police officer/official.

2. The relationship of the police with the press/media has also been touched upon in Punjab Police Rules. According to PPR 14.44, it is desirable that services of newspaper should be used for seeking publicity in regard to police regulation and order affecting the public, and for disseminating information through which public assistance may be enlisted in the detection of crime and the arrest of criminals or public anxiety may be allayed. The authority and discretion to communicate official information with these objects is, however, confined solely to the Superintendents of Police.

3. PPR 11.63 lays down the guidelines regarding supply of copy of police records. According to it no document or record belonging to, or in the custody of the police, and no copy or extract from such document, shall be furnished to any private individual or to any government servant for his private use save under the authority of an express provision of the law, or by order of a Court acting within its legal powers, or of a general or special order issued by a competent authority in respect of classes of documents.

4. PPR 21.23 lays down that the newspaper press shall be used as a medium both for advertising police regulations affecting the public, traffic regulations and directions for festivals & official functions, for enlisting the assistance of the public in the investigation of crime and descriptions