



DELHI POLICE

STANDING ORDER NO. 453/2018

ACTION AGAINST SALE AND ABUSE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Standing Order is to reiterate and emphasise on the need to put an effective control on sale and abuse of narcotic drugs in Delhi. The existing law and rules are sufficient and stringent to deal with the problem. However, there is an urgent need to make the most effective use of the legal provisions and supplement the same by adopting administrative steps effectively. It is well known that the problem of drug abuse is the result of various socio-economic factors particular to a metropolitan city like Delhi and, hence, it needs to be tackled on different fronts to gain effective control over it. This strategy will involve various long and short-term measures to reduce the demand on the one hand and taking effective legal action against the supply chain on the other hand. Being conscious and aware of the sale and abuse of narcotic drugs and its harmful effects, a road map has been prepared to tackle it by taking various short-term and long-term measures.

1. CONTROL ON ILLICIT SALE AND ACTION AGAINST THE SUPPLY CHAIN

There is no doubt that the foremost task in this endeavour is to put a control over the sale and supply of drugs. Presently, there is a specialized unit for prevention of sale and trafficking of narcotic drugs *viz.* 'Narcotics & Crime Prevention Cell' headed by a DCP-rank officer, who works under the supervision of Joint CP/Crime and Special CP/Crime. In addition, from time to time the District Police also make search and seizure of narcotic drugs and effect arrest of drug-peddlers. Even while the present arrangement will continue the action, for more effective co-ordinated action, the following steps will also be taken by the districts/units:-

- (i) Setting up a 'Narcotic Squad' in each district:

A 'Narcotics Squad' will be constituted in each district, which shall be

supervised by an Inspector, who, in turn, shall work under the supervision of ACP/Operations. Each Narcotics Squad, to start with, shall have a manpower consisting of two Upper and eight Lower Subordinate Officers. In due course, the strength of these squads will be increased appropriately.

The Narcotics Squad and the local police shall undertake the following tasks:-

- a. Identification of hot spot of drugs sale in the district in which there are complaints of sale of drugs or where the drug addicts are mostly found flocking, and immediate necessary steps to bust/apprehend such peddlers who are active in drugs-trafficking.
 - b. Identification of potential suppliers and strict action as per law against them.
- (ii) Enhanced action u/s 29 of NDPS Act shall be taken against the abettors and conspirators, aiding the sale of drugs.
- (iii) Identification be carried out of persons with previous involvements for taking substantive as well as preventive actions against them.
- (iv) Enhanced action be taken under Section 77 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, which prescribes punishment to offenders also for selling narcotics material to juveniles.

It is reiterated that the Juvenile Justice Board has widely interpreted the expression "Intoxicating Liquor" to include substances such as whitener, thinners and vulcanizing solutions/*sulochans*, which have the effect of intoxication and which may not be beverages *per se* and, hence, these substances should also be treated as intoxicating liquor within the meaning of Section 77 of the JJ Act. In compliance of Order dated 20.03.2017 passed by the Juvenile Justice Board-III, the Government of NCT of Delhi has also issued a Notification dated 28th July, 2017 which, inter-alia, directs that a "mandatory warning should be made on the application devise (pens or otherwise) of correcting fluids/thinners and vulcanized solutions/*sulochans* regarding the effects of inhalation of vapour/consumption of the chemicals contained therein on health". Additional action under Section 188 may IPC also be taken if any violation comes to notice.

- (v) Regular visits to vulnerable schools identified by State Project Director-SSA, Department of Education, GNCT of Delhi to identify the drug-peddlers. District DCsP shall ensure that officers posted in the Narcotics Squad and police stations concerned visit such identified schools at least once in a week and ensure Zero Tolerance on this issue. All-out efforts shall be made to identify such elements and in case any drug-peddler is identified, immediate action must be taken against him.

(vi) Efforts are being made to get help from Drugs Control Department of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi by getting Nodal Officers appointed at the district level. Use of Pharmaceutical drugs, especially the Habit Forming drugs and Schedule-H1 drugs, are a real menace. Liaison with the Drugs Control Department is required to be made for initiating action under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act and the NDPS Act against the unscrupulous elements, who are involved in sale of Pharmaceutical products to be used as a narcotics substance. Local police shall promptly provide all necessary help to the Drugs Control Department (GNCTD), as and when a demand is made for any raid of this nature.

(vii) Training session for police officers for capacity building and improving the investigation skills: Regular training is required to be conducted for capacity building and improving the investigating as well as intelligence collection skills of the investigating officers with regard to detection and investigation of NDPS Act related cases. Sustained action by trained investigators will only have a deterrent impact on the supply chain. Dy. Commissioner of Police/Narcotics & Crime Prevention Cell will hold regular training sessions in this regard. District DCsP shall ensure that officers of the rank of Sub-Inspector, Inspector, ACP and Addl. DCP are nominated to attend the training course(s) as and when held in this connection.

(viii) Dy. Commissioner of Police/CRO shall collate information on drug-dealers to prepare a booklet, which shall be circulated among all concerned for taking preventive as well as substantive action. The updating of the data will be on a monthly basis. Inter-District Coordination Committee shall also be formed for this purpose and it shall hold a meeting at least once in a quarter, which will be attended by the officer(s) of Narcotics Squad.

2. REDUCTION OF DEMAND

This is another effective step to tackle the problem and needs to be taken simultaneously along with the above steps directed towards reduction in supply. In this direction the following steps need to be taken:-

(i) Regular visits to vulnerable schools identified by the GNCTD Agency to identify potential users: State Project Director-SSA, Department of Education, GNCT of Delhi provides the list of vulnerable schools for monitoring and curbing availability and peddling the drugs and narcotics substances among school going children. Delhi Police will make necessary efforts to coordinate with the government agencies and NGOs to educate and make aware the potential users of the dangers and harmful consequences of using such products. Also, all possible support shall be extended by district DCsP for holding of Nukkad Natak, Camp(s) against drug abuse etc.

(ii) Involvement of Health Services/NGOs to ensure more effective publicity to harmful effects of drug consumption: This involves steps like holding of sessions by Health Services/NGOs to give assurance to drug

users that return to normal life, by giving up drugs, is possible and that they would be accepted back by the society. District DCsP shall ensure that maximum co-operation and support in such programmes is provided.

All officers will follow the above instructions meticulously.


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ADDENDUM

In the last line of S.O. No.453/2018, issued vide this Hdqrs. No.303-452/Record Branch/PHQ dated 05.03.2018, the following may be added :-

"The failure to comply with these instructions would invite action against those officers who commit any lapse."

(Signature)
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