



ODISHA POLICE  
CRIME BRANCH  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT

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**CRIME BRANCH CIRCULAR NO-04/2018.**

**Sub: Protection of Witnesses.**

A witness performs a statutory public duty to assist the Court in determining the truth and secure justice to the victim by punishing the guilty.

With a view to providing safety and security to the witnesses, the following steps need to be taken for protection of witnesses.

1. Police protection shall be provided to the witnesses if there is input regarding threat to the life of the witness.
2. Police will provide assistance/logistic supports to the witness in attending court on the date of trial, if so warranted.
3. When the victim is a witness, the interaction or chance encounter between victim and accused should be avoided.
4. There shall be separate transportation for victim and accused for taking them to medical examination.
5. The medical examination of victim and accused shall be conducted separately at different times.
6. Deployment of Police personnel will be made for victim protection.
7. Establishment of witness rest shed and counselling centre shall be prioritised.
8. Awareness programmes will be held for protection of witnesses and to encourage them to depose evidence in the court of law without any fear and favour.
9. The witnesses may be sensitized for seeking police help as and when necessary.

10. Video conference of witnesses as permissible under law may be taken up to save time of the witnesses. It may be taken up in the PMC meeting to cross-examine the witnesses in a single appearance.

11. In sensational cases, prayer may be made to the court to impose condition on the accused not to threaten and terrorise the witnesses while on bail.

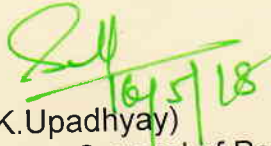
12. I.Os of the heinous cases may be advised to sensitize the witnesses to remain vigilant and should inform local police station in case they face any problem to give evidence in the court.

13. Adequate police protection may be provided to the witnesses as well as victims by appointing holding I.Os in murder, rape, Dacoity and serious rioting cases and especially in all the offences against women.

13. A dedicated team of police officers and men may be appointed at district level to monitor day- to- day court proceedings in criminal cases so as to provide protection to witnesses coming to depose evidence.

15. Culprits should be booked U/s-195(A) IPC (Cognizable, Non-bailable), whenever they are found threatening witnesses to give false evidence before the court, during trial.

Any deviation in this regard will be viewed adversely.

  
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