



**ODISHA POLICE  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT  
CRIME BRANCH**

**CRIME BRANCH CIRCULAR No. 04 /2025**

**Sub: Timelines To Be Followed During Investigation**

In order to ensure speedy investigation and expeditious trial of criminal cases, different timelines have been provided under different sections of BNSS, 2023 for different stake holders of criminal justice delivery system. The timelines need to be strictly adhered to by all concerned, especially the police officers investigating criminal cases, so as to ensure a flawless investigation in accordance with the legal dictums. Deviation to comply the mandatory law may cause criminal liability against the public servant U/s 199 BNS, 2023.

Hence, the Investigating Officers should adhere to the following timelines as envisaged in provisions of The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

**SECTION WISE TIMELINES**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>BNSS Sec.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
1.	Sec. 40	Any private person may arrest any person who commits a non-bailable and cognizable offence or any proclaimed offender and produce the arrestee before police within 6 hours.	Within 6 hours
2.	Sec. 50	The police officer after effecting arrest of a person will seize offensive weapons from the person arrested.	Immediately after arrest.
3.	Sec. 51(3)	Medical Examination report of accused by medical practitioner.	Without Delay
4.	Sec. 52	Medical Examination report of accused of rape by medical practitioner to the Investigating Officer	Without Delay
5.	Sec. 105	Documents of Audio-Video recording of search and seizure conducted by police be forwarded to the magistrate.	Without delay

6.	Sec. 173(l)(ii)	FIR may be given in written, orally or by electronic communication (e-FIR) to the Officer In-Charge of a police station. In case of e-FIR, the Officer In-Charge shall register the FIR after obtaining the signature of the complainant on the printout of the e-FIR.	It is to be signed by the informant within 3 days from receipt of the complaint in Police Station
7.	Sec. 173(3)	Completion of 'Preliminary enquiry'	Within 14 days
8.	Sec. 174(1)(ii)	Police to forward daily diary reports to Magistrate.	Fortnightly
9.	Sec. 176(2)	When the Officer In-Charge of a police station does not undertake spot visit either himself or through a subordinate officer or does not enter on investigation for non-existence of sufficient ground as provided under.	Fortnightly
10.	Sec. 184(1)	Victims of rape or attempted to commit rape shall be sent to the registered medical practitioner for medical examination.	Within 24 hours from the time of receiving of the information
11.	Sec. 184(6)	Forwarding of medical examination report of rape victim by the medical officer to the investigating officer.	Within 7 days
12.	Sec. 185(5)	In case of search by police officer copies of record to be sent to the nearest Magistrate.	Not later than 48 hours
13.	Sec. 58 & Sec. 187	An arrested/detained person shall be produced before the Magistrate.	Within 24 hours
14.	Sec. 187(2)	Accused can be taken on police remand in phases for maximum period of 15 days	Within 40 days if the investigation relates to an offence punishable with imprisonment less than 10 years & Within 60 days if the investigation relates to an offence punishable with imprisonment

			for more than 10 years.
15.	Sec. 187(3)	If the accused is in judicial custody, the investigating officer shall complete the investigation and submit Final Form to prevent the accused from release on default bail.	Within 60 days if the investigation relates to an offence punishable with imprisonment less than 10 years & Within 90 days if the investigation relates to an offence punishable with imprisonment for more than 10 years.
16.	Sec. 193(2)	Investigations of crime against Women and Children (u/s 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71 of BNS and u/s 4, 6, 8, 10 of POCSO Act) are to be completed within stipulated period.	Within two months
17.	Sec. 193(3)(ii)	The police officer shall, within a period of ninety days, inform the progress of the investigation by any means including through electronic communication to the informant or the victim.	Within 90 days
18.	Sec. 193(9)	Completion of further investigation during trial	Within 90 days or as extended by Court
19.	Sec. 194(2)	Forwarding of Inquest report to the District Magistrate or Sub-Divisional Magistrate.	Within 24 hours
20.	Sec. 218(1)	Sanction for prosecution of Public Servant and judges while discharging of his official duty.	Deemed sanction if the Govt. failed to consider within a period of 120 days.

21.	Sec. 230	Supply of police paper to the accused and victim (if represented by an advocate).	Not beyond 14 days from the date of production or appearance of the accused.
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**Note: This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is subject to modification based on feedback from field units, post implementation of the new criminal laws.**

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