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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

ORDER—dated 9th February 1895, No. 526 Judicial.

Recent changes in the rules relating to the disbursement of rewards have rendered it necessary to issue the following revised Standing Orders on the subject in substitution for those contained in G.O., dated 18th September 1889, No. 1614, Judicial.

It should be observed that paragraph 5 of the old order has been cancelled, and that the Commissioner of Police, Madras, will in future be allowed to sanction rewards up to a limit of Rs. 100 instead of Rs. 50 as heretofore.

1. The following officers are empowered to sanction rewards for the purposes and up to the limits specified below:—

(i) All District Magistrates may sanction rewards as follows:—

(a) ^a For information leading to the discovery of perpetrators of crime and for similar services rendered in aid of public justice; the limit of such rewards is Rs. 100 for any one offender apprehended and convicted.

(b) ^b For saving human life; the District Magistrate may for every such achievement disburse forthwith among the persons engaged in it any sum not exceeding Rs. 20.

(ii) ^c The Inspector-General of Prisons may sanction rewards up to the limit of Rs. 50 in each case for recapture of the escaped convicts.

(iii) ^d The Inspector-General of Police may sanction rewards up to a limit of Rs. 100 to policemen (not to others) for meritorious service rendered by them.

(iv) ^e The Commissioner of Police, Madras, is invested with the same powers of sanctioning rewards within the City of Madras as have been conferred on the Inspector-General of Police by the orders summarised in clause (iii) above, and on District Magistrates by clause (i) (b).

Note.—In each of these cases, (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), the maximum prescribed applies to each case or achievement, and may not be exceeded without special sanction of Government, whether the number of persons amongst whom the reward is distributed is small or large.

2. (1) As a general rule, meritorious services performed by the Police in the pursuance of their ordinary duty should be left to be dealt with by the Inspector-General of Police.

(2) ^f Clause (1) of this rule does not, however, apply to rewards for saving life which should generally be disbursed by the District Magistrate; nor to cases where another department has publicly offered a fixed reward for a definite act (as for capturing an offender) when the reward may be disbursed by the officer offering it. But in every instance, rewards paid by District Magistrates or the Inspector-General of Prisons to the police should be reported by them to the Inspector-General of Police or the Commissioner of Police, Madras, as the case may be.

^a G.O., dated 23rd Aug. 1862, No. 1380, Judicial.

^b " " 19th Feb. 1879, " 342, "

^c G.O., " 9th Oct. 1877, " 2396, "

^d G.O., " 23rd Aug. 1862, " 1380, "

^e See also Jail Code Rules 643-5.

^f G.O., dated 23rd Aug. 1862, No. 1350, "

" " 17th June 1887, " 1806, "

" " 19th Dec. 1894, " 3135, "

^g G.O., dated 18th July 1889, No. 1226, Judicial.

" " 19th Dec. 1894, " 3135, "

^h G.O., " 7th Nov. 1874, " 2073, "

" " 22nd Feb. 1889, " 336, "

ⁱ G.O., " 13th Feb. 1875, " 325, "

" " 18th Aug. 1875, " 1814, "

" " 2nd May 1892, " 833, "

" " 2nd May 1893, " 907, "

(3) ^a Rewards for the recapture of prisoners escaping from central and district jails should be paid by the Inspector-General of Prisons, or by the Superintendent of the jail concerned in cases covered by Article 629 of the Jail Code. Rewards for the recapture of prisoners escaping from subsidiary jails should be paid by District Magistrates, and those for the recapture of prisoners escaping from police lock-ups or police custody generally by the Inspector-General of Police, or Commissioner of Police as the case may be.

3. ^b All rewards of whatever nature, whether for services in aid of public justice or in the capture of escaped convicts, or in encouragement of acts of humanity and courage, should be disbursed as speedily as possible. Any reward may be given in the form of a personal ornament, such as a bangle, *if preferred by the recipient.*

4. ^d Where the highest rewards that may be offered without the sanction of Government are considered insufficient, application should be made for the amount proposed with a full statement of the case.

5. ^e Rewards for preventing injury to property should only be granted under special circumstances and with the express approval of Government.

6. ^f The following officers, namely, all District Magistrates, the Inspectors-General of Prisons and Police and the Commissioner of Police, Madras, will submit to Government an annual report showing the total expenditure during the calendar year on rewards, with details of those cases only in which the amount of the reward granted to any one person was Rs. 50 or more. These reports should be despatched so as to reach the Government Office *at the latest* on the 1st March following the year to which they relate.

^a G.O., dated 14th Jan. 1893, No. 84, Judicial.

^b G.O., " 17th June 1887, " 1306, "

^c G.O., " 17th Sept. 1878, " 1897, "

^d G.O., " 23rd Aug. 1862, " 1380, "

^e G.O., dated 18th July 1889, No. 1226, Judicial.

" " 18th May 1891, " 946, "

" " 2nd May 1892, " 833, "

^f G.O., " 19th Dec. 1894, " 3135, "

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