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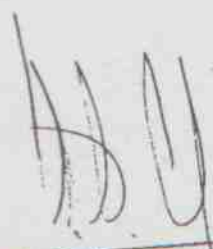
Sub:- Communication with the Media – Further instructions - Reg.

Ref :- PHQ Circular Nos. 29/59, 23/91, 24/07 and 9/08.

Police responses to media questions on various official matters, particularly terror related matters, have to be done with due care and caution. Divulging details of ongoing investigations and intelligence inputs should be totally avoided. The Union Home Secretary has recently brought the situation to the notice of all authorities. He has pointed out that police authorities should not rush to the media with speculative information about ongoing investigations in cases involving national security as the same may compromise the information or help other suspects to gather information and to destroy or damage material evidence relating to the case. Untimely disclosures of information relating to a case may alert accused who are at large to disappear or help them to cover their tracks.

02. While in some instances it may be important to ensure transparency and keep the media/public posted of certain developments relating to a case or a terrorist threat, communication with the media should be confined to the bare facts which are necessary to bolster public confidence or which are needed to elicit co-operation of the public in the prevention and investigation of such offences. The tendency to give piecemeal information on a daily basis on the progress of investigation should be stopped. A press release in the form of a statement could be given on completion of investigation, if the same is actually warranted by circumstances, after getting permission from competent authority and without discussing evidence.

03. SsP / CsP and other senior Police officers will ensure strict compliance of the above instructions in this regard.


Director General of Police

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