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**Sub:-** Functioning of Finger Print Experts and Photographers in field units  
– Rearrangements – Reg.

It is seen that there is a lack of clarity in the matter of administrative control over the functioning of Photographers and Fingerprint Staff in the Districts. While Photographers are functioning under the supervision and control of SsP/CsP, the Chief Photographer is under the administrative control of SP, SCRB. The Finger Print Bureau Staff at the District Level are operating under the control of respective SsP / CsP. Since these two Wings have to function in close co-ordination for the successful investigation of cases in the field, there is a need for unified operational control. Moreover, the infrastructural facilities available in the districts for these units can also be most economically utilized if these two Units are functioning under a co-ordinated operation mode. Therefore, the following directions are given in this connection:-

- (1) The operational control of the staff of the Photographic Bureau as well as the Finger Print Bureau in Districts/Cities will be exercised by the Dy.SP/AC, DCRB on behalf of the SP/CP concerned.
- (2) The Photographers and Finger Print Bureau staff in the Districts will as far as possible be housed together so that available facilities such as telephone, fax, computers and vehicles are shared by them.
- (3) Officers requiring the services of Police Photographers/Finger Print Bureau staff in the Districts /Cities will address the Dy.SP/AC, DCRB. The DySP/AC will ensure their prompt attendance at the scene of crime as well as at other locations where their services are requested for.

The SP/CP shall carefully monitor the functioning of these two specialized Wings and ensure that their potential is utilized to the best possible extent and that available resources are most effectively shared and utilized.

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