

APPENDIX XXXVIII

(Regulation 697)

Police guards for jails and health and other camps.

Special duties of jail guards:

(1) Any head constable, naik or constable deputed to guard any prisoner shall at once report, should the prisoner have any friendship or relationship with him.

(2) No officer may carry or possess, even for personal use any opium, liquor, ganja, or other stupefying or intoxicating substance when guarding a prisoner.

(3) Police guards over a prisoner shall be kept as much as possible from contact with him, and they are strictly forbidden from communicating with prisoners or from bringing or taking any article of any description for them. Police guards shall not take part in the daily routine of the jail, nor shall they assist in searching the prisoners, etc.

(4) The superintendent of the jail, and the jailor shall give no orders to a police guard except to apprise the men of their ordinary duties when an outbreak, disturbance or attempt to break jail occurs. A police guard shall take part in all jail alarm parades.

Guards for executions:

(5) The superintendent of a jail may, whenever the execution of a special prisoner is to take place, indent for an armed guard. Ordinarily such application should not be made without consulting the Superintendent of police and the District Magistrate.

Guards for health or other camps:

(6) When a police force is required for the purpose of guarding prisoners in a health or other camp, such force shall be supplied by the police Department immediately on demand; if the guard can be supplied from the existing sanctioned strength no charge shall be made but if substitutes are required, the Provincial Government should be asked to sanction their employment.

Superintendents shall select good men to be sent to health camps, and shall enlist in their places men who can be employed on less important work.

The strength of the health camp guards required for each class of jail shall be as follows:

Central jail. – Four head constables and 50 constables.

First class district jail. – Three head constables and 25 constables.

All other district jails. – Two head constables and 20 constables.

Note: The strength of the guards here given is subject to the power of the Inspector General of police to supply one number required. When extra men have to be taken on, arrangements shall be made as occasion arises by the Inspector General of Prisons, in communication with the Inspector General of police. (See rule 1273, Bengal Jail Code.).