CIRCULAR No. 12 /2012


Ref :-PHQ Circular No.03/2003 dated 30.01.2003.

Detailed procedure for conduct of funeral parades is given in the Kerala Police Drill Manual. According to the provision in the Police Drill Manual - 1995 published by the BPR & D (Govt. of India), the Head of Police Force in the State will have the discretion to permit funeral parade in honour of any Officer who, in his opinion, deserves that honour. As such, instructions have been issued on the subject matter vide reference cited. Now the Police Welfare Bureau in its meeting dated 24.10.2011 have recommended to give Funeral Parade without volley of fire at the funeral ceremony of all retired Police Personnel.

2. The recommendation of the Police Welfare Bureau is approved in principle and the following revised instructions are issued in this regard with immediate effect:

Funeral Parades will be arranged on the demise of Police Pensioners as per four scales.

'X' Scale

Funeral Parade with 1 Commander and 4 CPO's, without Volley of fire. A wreath will be placed on the body, in the name of "District Police Chief".

'Y' Scale

Funeral Parade with 1 Commander and 6 CPO's, without Volley of fire. Wreath will be placed on the body in the name of the "State Police Chief", Kerala.

'Z' Scale

Funeral Parade of 1 Commander and 8 CPO's, with Volley of fire. Wreath will be placed on the body in the name of the "State Police Chief", Kerala and also on behalf of every unit the deceased had headed earlier.
Flag Scale

Funeral Parade of 1 Commander of the rank of Inspector and 16 CPO’s with Buglers etc. Wreath will be placed by or on behalf of the "State Police Chief" and all the Units and Branches headed by the officer. One representative of the PHQ of the rank of DIG will attend the Funeral.

(3) These four scales will be applicable in case of death of a Police Pensioner, as per his rank.

- Retired Officers of the Rank of DIG and above: Flag Scale
- Retired Officers of the Rank of SP/CMT: Z Scale
- Retired Officers of the Rank of DC/DySP/CI: Y Scale
- Retired Officers up to the Rank of SI's: X Scale

(4) The SHO of the Police Station, where the demise occurs, will honour the deceased Police Officer/Personnel by arranging X and Y Scale Funeral Parades as per the scale above and he will be responsible for placing a wreath on the body, in the name of the Director General of Police & State Police Chief, Kerala or the District Police Chief as the case may. In case of Z Scale and Flag Scale the arrangements will be done by District Police Chief in consultation with Police Headquarters.

(5) The SHO concerned will also inform the head of the unit from which the deceased Officer had retired from service, so that wherever possible, an Officer from that unit will place another wreath on the body in the name of that Unit.

(6) It is further clarified that no Funeral Parade will be arranged, if the death of Police Officer (Pensioner or serving), is reportedly by suicide or under circumstances, which can bring dishonour to the department. In such cases, the Unit Head can take a decision as to whether a Funeral Parade is to be held or not.

(7) Expenditure on wreath etc will be met from the Welfare Fund or other Unit Private Funds as may be deemed proper by the Unit Head concerned.

To
All officers in List ‘B’ for strict compliance.

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STATE POLICE CHIEF

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