

Officers and men of Puducherry Police,

I joined Puducherry Police on 25.12.2008 and after heading the force for over two years, I have been transferred to NCT of Delhi.

During the last two years, the crime in the Union Territory has been well under control. The field officers have made sincere efforts to control crime and to maintain law and order. But a lot has to be done to ensure a 'Peaceful Puducherry. Budding rowdy elements are a problem faced by the police. Now, Goondas Act has been enacted by the Government and I hope all the SDPOs will utilize the opportunity to curb the menace of Rowdyism from this otherwise peaceful UT. Regular checking of vehicles should be conducted at the inter-state borders to check infiltration of criminals. Coastal patrolling should also be continued to ensure that no anti-national element sneaks into our territory. Before the enactment of Goondas Act, Police took earnest efforts to deal with notorious criminals and accordingly three notorious criminals were detained under National Security Act and externment orders were issued against 42 persons under section 144 (3) of CrPC. Further, as many as 1517 cases were registered under the preventive sections of CrPC/Arms Act/Pondicherry Police Act against bad characters to ensure peace and tranquility. Co-ordination meetings with the bordering districts of Tamilnadu to share intelligence/information amongst two states have been held. The SHOs and CIs should rise to the expectations of the people by taking measures, such as, conduct of CLG/FWG meetings, effective implementation of schemes likes 'Eyes and Ears' of Police, etc. Efforts have to be made to reach out to the public through a specialized drive of identifying and ensuring the security of senior citizens residing alone. Regular meetings have to be conducted at sub division level with various stake holders in the society to ensure Police-Public participation in crime prevention. A special effort is to be made to wean away the youth from anti-social/criminal activities.

You all know based on our proposal, Government of India has sanctioned 625 posts to Puducherry and a number of officers and personnel were promoted to fill up the vacant posts. 225 posts of Police Constables and 24 in various other ranks and 107 posts of Home Guards have become vacant and action has already been initiated to fill up the same by conducting recruitment. Another thing which worth mentioning is the Grade promotion given to police personnel who have completed 12/24/36 years of service without getting any promotion. The promotions include elevation of 211 Police Constables as Head Constables, 110 IRBn Constables as Head Constables, 28 Head Constables as ASIs, 9 ASIs &

58 Head Constables as Sub Inspectors, 20 SIs of Puducherry Police and 7 SIs of IRBn as Inspectors and 6 Inspectors as Superintendents of Police. In addition to the above, promotions were also ordered to the posts of PC(Photographer), HC(Computer), ASI(Photographer), SI(Photographer), Finger Print Expert, Radio Supervisor, Wireless Operator, Head Radio Operators, etc.

These promotions were ordered by taking action on a war-footing and the long pending grievances of the Police Radio Branch and Motor Transport Unit were settled. It is pertinent to mention here that the personnel of Police Radio Branch were stagnating for more than 20 years. There long pending matters like ACP, up-gradation of pay and filling up of the posts of Radio Supervisors, Wireless Operators and Head Radio Operators were taken up and the promotions were ordered. Now, 41 posts of SIs and 640 posts of Police Constables and 340 Home Guards are proposed to be filled up by direct recruitment. Another 116 posts of Head Constables will be filled up shortly by promotion. Having dealt with most of the administrative issues troubling the force, it is now imperative the force rises to perform its duties with utmost sincerity, integrity and a very high degree of professionalism.

Under modernization scheme, construction of buildings for Police Stations of Orleanpet and Odiansalai were completed and that of Coastal Police Station at Karaikal is under progress. A model control room will be established soon at an estimated cost of 1.31 crores which includes installation of CCTV at important locations of Puducherry town.

Two interceptor boats purchased for the Coastal Police Station are being used for patrolling in co-ordination with Indian Coast Guard. Commando training has been imparted to 2 companies of India Reserve Battalion and they are now deployed for essential duties. Modern weapons are being purchased in a phased manner. There is a need to train the personnel in the use of modern weapons. It should be kept in mind while conducting basic training and refresher courses. For the first time, Annual Training Calendar has been issued by the Police Training School and I hope the same will be continued in the coming years.

The general election to the legislative assembly will be held in a couple of months. In the prevailing situation, the police have to work hard to maintain law and order during election. The force should rise to the occasion and show a high degree of professionalism while performing duties during pre-poll, poll and post-poll arrangements. The force should be impartial in their dealings.
