

**OFFICE OF THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE (L&O)  
PUDUCHERRY**

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**C I R C U L A R**

Sub: Arrest of women accused persons 'after sunset and before sunrise'  
– Circular – Issued.

Ref: Standing Order No. 02/2020, dated 29.06.2020 regarding 'Directives on the abhorrence of 'custodial violence' – Guidelines regarding arrest of a person'.

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Elaborate Guidelines regarding 'arrest of a person', were issued by our department vide Standing Order cited under reference. In this regard, the Guidelines (as mentioned at Sl. No.5 under Para. (b) Arrest of the above SOP) are reiterated as follows, which shall be scrupulously followed by the Officers in letter & spirit, without fail :

*"As far as is practicable, Women Police Officers should be associated where the person or persons being arrested are women. The arrest of women between sunset and sunrise should be avoided."*

2. The above directives are based on Section 46 (4) of Cr.P.C., which is reproduced as follows :

"Save in exceptional circumstances, no woman shall be arrested after sunset and before sunrise and where such exceptional circumstances exist, the Woman Police Officer shall, by making a written report, obtain the prior permission of the Judicial Magistrate of the First Class within whose local jurisdiction the offence is committed or the arrest is to be made.

  
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