

Copy of D.O. No. 9/29/68-AIS (III) dated 24-12-68 from Shri R.D. Thapar, Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi to Shri Saroop Krishen, Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Chandigarh.

Kindly refer to Shri T.C.K. Sirinivasavaradan's D.O. letter No. 28/3/68-poll. I (A), dated July 20, 1968 regarding the recommendations of the National Integration Council.

2. The Committee on Communal Aspects appointed by the National Integration Council had recommended that the District Magistrate and Supdt. of Police should be made personally responsible for prompt action to prevent or stop communal disturbances. They had further recommended that failure to take prompt and effective action should be considered as a dereliction of duty and the officers concerned should be dealt with accordingly. The Committee felt that, if necessary, service rules should be amended. A related recommendation was that a system of suitable recognition of services rendered in preventing or dealing with communal disturbances should be introduced.

3. I am desired to request that the attention of all members of the IAS and IPS may be specifically invited to the recommendations of the National Integration Council, and it may be impressed upon them that any failure to take effective action to deal with communal tensions and disturbances would be regarded by Government as a dereliction of duty entailing suitable disciplinary action.

4. Officer reporting on the work and conduct of executive District/Sub Divisional/ City Magistrate etc. and Superintendents/Assistant Superintendents of Police may also be suitably advised to take into account while evaluation of their performance the effectiveness or otherwise of the officers working under their supervision in dealing with situations of this nature.

5. I shall be grateful if copies of the instructions issued in this behalf are endorsed to this Ministry for reporting to the Standing Committee of the National Integration Council on the progress of action taken on the recommendations of the National Integration Council.