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Sub:- Information given by women in cognizable cases and the recording of statement of women – instructions – reg.

The information given by women in cognizable cases and the recording of statement of women are regulated by special provisions under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. It has been brought to the notice of the undersigned that some officers are violating the mandatory conditions stipulated under Cr.P.C. while recording the statements of women especially u/s 161 Cr.P.C. for the purpose of investigation. Women witnesses/complainants are summoned to Police Stations, which is illegal.

02. It is true that as per s.161(2) Cr.P.C. every person including a woman who is called upon to answer questions u/s 161(1) Cr.P.C. is bound to answer truly all questions relating to such case put to him/her by such officer, other than questions the answer to which would have a tendency to expose him/her to a criminal charge or to a penalty or forfeiture. It is also to be remembered that any person who is being examined by the Police is having legal and human rights that are to be duly respected by police officers in the course of investigation and interrogation.