



**PRESS NOTE**

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**Domestic violence cases during lockdown : No need to come to PS  
for lodging FIR**

During the lockdown period many countries/states have seen rise in domestic violence. Possibility of same occurring in Odisha cannot be ruled out.

Accordingly in compliance to instructions of Hon'ble Chief Minister, DGP Odisha has issued following instructions.

1. Domestic violence cases are to be given high priority. Though so far there is no noticeable increase in reporting of such cases, there is need to remain alert.
2. Help line telephone number of police station and district control room (total 600 plus telephones) should be given wide publicity again, so that victims of domestic violence can use the same.
3. To lodge the complaint, **during the lockdown period, victims of domestic violence need not come to police station. On receipt of telephone, police will reach the spot/home to collect complaints/FIR and take necessary action. They can also approach police through Odisha Police Citizen Portal and Sahayata Mobile APP.**
4. All cases of the domestic violence during lockdown period should be investigated by the officer not below the rank of S.I. of police.
5. All Domestic Violence cases during lockdown period should be supervised by an officer of rank of DSP or above.
6. Investigation Unit for Crime against Women (IUCAW) of the district should remain extra alert and active during lockdown period.

  
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