

- 7) Name parentage, sex, age, caste and residence of the deceased.

- 8) Relatives, if any, present at the inquest (their names, addresses and relationship with the deceased)

- 9) Names and other necessary particulars of two local and respectable witnesses in whose presence the inquest was held. (It is not mandatory but desirable)

- 10) Description of the corpse (after close observation of all parts of body in good light, generally under sunlight during day time), cavities such as those pertaining to nose, ear, mouth, vagina etc should be closely examined.

Note down the following features:

- a) Position and attitude of the body.

- b) Number, position, length, breadth and direction of wound(s)(not depth)

- c) Nature of wounds-incised, lacerated, bruises, fractures (so far they are visible on the external examination and could be ascertained by a non-medical person).

- d) Signs of ligature marks if any.

- e) Signs of inflammatory reaction (swelling etc) if any.
- f) Expression of the countenance.
- g) Position of limbs, eyes and mouth.
- h) Presence of blood (liquid or clotted), saliva, froth, vomit, semen, swabs etc. (if any)
- i) Condition of clothes/ornaments.

11. Is the body well nourished and vigorous or emaciated and weak ?

12. Viewing of the surroundings in their totality with the dead body lying there in.

Note down the following:-

- a) Marks of violence or struggle.
- b) Articles such as rope, weapon, ammunition, phial, used cartridge, chemicals etc.
- c) Suicide note, if any.
- d) Foreign matters such as weeds, straws etc in the hair or clenched to the hands of the deceased or attached to part of the body.
- e) Are there circumstances available in the scene to show that the deceased killed himself/herself.
- f) Do you notice anything in the surroundings to suspect foul play ?

13. Number and Names of the witnesses examined by the Magistrate and substance and weight of their evidence(the evidence to be recorded on separate sheet of papers)

14. Opinion of the Magistrate as to the cause of death as could be ascertained by him, based on his inspection of the scene, close examination of the dead body and evidences adduced by the witnesses.

15. Whenever there are wounds, fractures, bruises and other marks of injury as may be found on the body the Magistrate should state in what manner or by what weapon or instrument, if any, such injuries/marks appear to have been caused.

16. Sketch plan of the place where the dead body is found & photograph taken, if any

17. Has the Magistrate held the inquest in addition to or in lieu of the Police investigation u/s 174/175 CrPc ?

18. Upon a consideration of the totality of the material including the examination of the dead body , inspection of the scene & testimony of the witnesses, are there grounds for suspecting foul play ?

19. Is it a case where the person died in police custody ?

20. Action proposed to be taken, if any, in pursuance of the Magisterial inquest .

Signatures of the persons present
as mentioned in item 9.

