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Physical and Medical Qualification (CONSTABLE)

- The impact of the Policeman on the public depends upon his personality strength, performance and endurance at the cutting edge of the law enforcement; the Constable has the maximum visibility and interacts with the time in maintaining order.
- His effectiveness is, therefore, indirectly proportionate to a large extent to his physical fitness, stamina and appearance. This is one of the main reasons for laying down higher standards of physical qualifications for the Police forces all over the world. Any relaxation in the physical qualifications will have an adverse impact on the performance of the Policemen and the force as a whole.
- The physical standards should remain at the present level viz. 5'7" in height and 33" round the chest. With these minima to start with the Constable should fill out and get more robust and vigorous during his training period. But it is not enough to lay down these standards. What is needed is that the Constable should be physically tough; he should be of the athletic type and willing to do hard and arduous work; he should be able to stand on his legs in all types of weather for long hours at a stretch.
- Hence a very thorough medical examination is needed, and the presence of the least weakness or defect in any of his physical functions should debar him from enlistment.
- There should be in addition, physical tests to determine the candidate's capacity in running, jumping, climbing a wall, climbing a rope, etc.
- Those who pass the medical examination but fail in these tests should be disqualified.
- The National Police Commission has recommended that physical efficiency tests should form an essential criterion for

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Character Verification

- Police efficiency cannot be maintained properly merely by recruiting persons who satisfy the prescribed physical standards.
- The men and women in the Police must have a sound moral character. A spotless character is very vital for the job that the Policeman has to do.
- Persons who have served prison sentence for criminal offences, and so forth should not be accepted for the Police.
- It will not be enough to get a routine certificate from the village, which can easily be maintained. It is necessary that in case of every recruit adequate enquiry be made at the village level at his previous places of employment to study his character.
- An enquiry at the school, which he attended, is also essential. The intelligence Bureau method of verification for its employees can be recommended.

Mental Calibre

- As regards the mental caliber, merely passing the Higher Secondary School examination is not enough.
- The Constables responsibilities demand that his intelligence should be above the national average.
- The tests conducted by the Police for this purpose are not satisfactory.
- Constables are recruited on a District battalion basin through out the country. But there is no standard to make the recruitment.
- In some states and Union Territories recruitment is made by a Board with the Superintendent of Police as the presiding officer.
- In some other states the Superintendent of Police is himself authorized to make the recruitment. It is generally viewed test, which would test the mental caliber of the Constables.
- The minimum educational qualification for the Constable is qualification for the Lower Division Clerk is also matriculation.
- The public service Commission conducts a written examination for them. No better method can be devised for testing the mental caliber of the Constable than putting them through a similar test.
- The Deputy Inspector General of Police and the District Superintendent of Police may help the public service commission in setting the question papers and valuing the answer scripts.