

## Code of Criminal Procedure

**156. Investigation into cognizable case.** – (1) Any officer incharge of a police-station may, without the order of a Magistrate, investigate any cognizable case which a Court having jurisdiction over the local area within the limits of such station would have power to inquire into or try under the provisions of Chapter XV relating to the place of inquiry or trial.

(2) No proceeding of a police officer in any such case shall at any stage be called in question on the ground that the case was one which such officer was not empowered under this section to investigate.

(3) Any Magistrate empowered under section 190 may order such an Investigation as above mentioned.

[(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-sections (1) (2) or (3), no police-officer shall investigate an offence under section 497 or section 498 of the Pakistan Penal Code, except upon a complaint made by the husband of the woman, or, in his absence, by some person who had the care of such woman on his behalf at the time when such offence was committed.]

**156A. Investigation of offence under Section 295C, Pakistan Penal Code.** – Notwithstanding anything contained in this Code, no police officer below the rank of a Superintendent of Police shall investigate the offence against any person alleged to have been committed by him under Section 295C of the Pakistan Penal code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860).