OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE MEGHALAYA ::: SHILLONG

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Regular supervision of POCSO cases and cases of crime against women.

Guidelines for professional handling/investigation of POCSO cases have been circulated by CID Headquarters to District Superintendents of Police and other concerned officers vide office letter No. M.CID/Cell-V/POCSO/2016/145 dated 11/05/2017 (copy enclosed as in **Annexure-A**). It is reiterated that those guidelines should be strictly adhered to.

(2) Every Superintendent of Police of the District will have a special review of the pending POCSO cases and cases against women on the first Monday of each month. This will be called Monday Review and written proceedings of the same issued to I.Os and G.Os of the district with copy to Addl. DGP (CID), Spl. Superintendent of Police (CID) and Police Headquarters. In this review, the District Superintendent of Police should give specific directions for the pending cases. All pending cases should be examined with Investigation Officers so that there are no lacunae as well as proper line of investigation is followed. This review should be specifically for POCSO cases and cases against women to keep the things in focus.

(3) When Charge Sheets are to be filed, IOs should consult the Public Prosecutors so that charge sheets are framed in correct legal language and there are no lacunae. Fees and bills for the consultation with Public Prosecutors, if any, would be borne by Police Headquarters.

(4) Similarly, the Range DIG, during his visit to the districts, should have a special review of POCSO cases and cases against women.

(5) During the reviews, the District Superintendents of Police should ensure that the Investigation is completed within 60 days except in cases where DNA analysis report is awaited from Central FSL. The reports from FSLs should be pursued at the level of Superintendent of Police or a designated Gazetted Officer of the district.

(6) District Superintendents of Police will write a bi-monthly DO, i.e., one in two months, i.e., in the month of January, March, May, July, September and November within the first week of the month to the Range DIGs regarding the status of POCSO cases and cases against women.

(7) District Superintendents of Police are already conducting awareness programmes in Schools and Colleges regarding POCSO cases and cases against women. Each Police Station should have at least one awareness programme per month in association with NGOs, Educational Institutions, Social Welfare Department and District Administration.

(8)One Women Police Station and Special Cell for Women is functioning in Shillong in the premises of Sadar Police Station, Shillong. Publicity should be given to the existence of this kind of facility at various places prominently especially in Police Stations of East Khasi Hills District.

(9) A Special Police Women Cell will also be started in West Garo Hills at Tura. Range DIGs will make arrangements and sent proposals for starting Special Women Cells in other Districts.

(10) ADG (CID) and SSP (CID) will visit the districts to educate the IOs about the POCSO cases and Cases against women.

(11) Police Training School already conducts trainings regarding investigation in POCSO cases, cases of crime against women and Gender Sensitisation. IGP (TAP) will review the same and see if such Workshops can also be held in the Districts. Police Officers from Meghalaya are sent to NEPA and other training Institutes for training in investigation skills in POCSO and women related cases. IGP (TAP) will review the same and more officers can be sent for such trainings.

(12) District Superintendents of Police will have a monthly meeting with Public Prosecutors/Prosecution Inspectors regarding the progress of POCSO cases and cases of crime against women in the Courts. If the number of cases is more, such meetings can be held bi-monthly on each month.

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- 16) Shri W. Khyllep, IAS, Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Law Department, Shillong, for information and necessary action.

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