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Circular. 13/2023/PHQ

Sub : WP(c) 943/2021 filed by Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay Vs. Union of India-
appointment of Nodal Officers-reg.

Ref : 1. Interim Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 11-08-2023 in
WP(C)No.943/2021 filed by Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay Vs Union of
India.

2. Interim Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 25-08-2023 in
WP(C)No.943/2021 filed by Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay Vs Union of
India.

3. Judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 17-07-2018 in
WP(C)No.754/2016 filed by Tehseen S Poonawalla Vs Union of India
and others.

4. PHQ Circular No.24/2018 dated 05-09-2018.

In compliance with the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in
WP(C)No.754/2016 filed by Tehseen S Poonawalla Vs Union of India and others, the
District Police Chiefs were designated as the Nodal Officers in their respective
districts who shall be assisted by one DySP rank officer of the districts nominated
by the Superintendent of Police for taking measures to prevent incidents of mob
violence and lynching or who are involved in spreading hate speeches, provocative
statements and fake news vide PHQ Circular No.24/2018 dated 05-09-2018.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 11/08/2023 in
WP(C)No.943/2021 filed by Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay Vs Union of India and others
has directed the applicant /petitioner to sent copies of the material available with
them, including electronic material to the nodal officers appointed in compliance with
the decision rendered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Tehseen S Poonawalla Vs
Union of India and others.

Since it has become imperative to inform the Hon'ble Apex Court about the
status of the appointment of Nodal Officers for taking measures to prevent incidents
of spreading hate speeches in the wake of the order pronounced by the Hon'ble
Supreme Court on 25/08/2023 in WP(C)No.943/2021 filed by Ashwini Kumar



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Upadhyay Vs Union of India and others, the District Police Chiefs who were designated as Nodal Officers of the Districts in Tehseen S Poonawalla Vs Union of India and others case, as per PHQ Circular No.24/2018 dated 05-09-2018, are also designated as the Nodal Officers in the Districts for taking measures to prevent incidents of spreading hate speeches, as desired by the Hon'ble Apex Court.

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State Police Chief

To : All Officers in list B
ADGP (L&O) / ADGP (Int) / ADGP CB/ ADGP SCR/ IsGP Zones /DIsG
Ranges / All DPCs

Copy : All Officers in PHQ
To : CAs to SPC/ADGP HQ/AIG (PG &LA)
Circular Register

