

**POLICE DEPARTMENT
KERALA**

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POLICE HEADQUARTERS
Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram**

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Sub:-Non-disclosure of Methods of Investigation – Regarding.

Kerala Police investigates a very large number of criminal cases which inter alia include sensational cases, complicated cases having interstate and international ramifications. In some of the cases, the accused persons are not known and which we categorize as Blind Cases. The Police uses various methods, scientific means to conduct investigation and to collect evidence which can be adduced in the Court. Criminal investigation follows some legal and scientific protocols. As per the nature of a Crime, various methodologies are used by the investigating officer to collect the evidence, to identify the criminals, etc. Such methodologies, used in criminal investigation, are only written in Case Diary which is a privileged document. Moreover, such methodologies should not be known to the criminals as they will take precautions so that Police cannot reach them by using a particular methodology or such methodologies.

02. Police, sometimes, discloses the methods of investigation or methods of evidence gathering or methods of intelligence gathering, etc. resorted to arrest the culprit(s), how the investigation machinery leads the investigation, etc. to the print and electronic media and public. This kind of disclosures help the potential criminals to use some other methods while committing crimes.

03. In these circumstances, the investigative techniques, covert methods of the investigation, methods of evidence gathering, etc. of the cases investigated by the Police should not be revealed to the Public, Print and Electronic Media in future in public interest/in the interest of investigation. Such disclosures by Police Officers are grave misconducts.

04. We have, time and again, spelt out which Police Officers are authorised to interact with the media. Conduct Rules also provide guidelines. Junior level officers talking to the media relating to the methods of investigation, covert operations, etc. are frequently seen these days. First of all, unauthorized officers shall not speak to the media or participate in media discussions, etc. on crime investigation. No Police Officer shall speak about the methods used by the Police in conducting investigation, leading to the criminal or leading to the collection of evidence.

05. This Circular is issued with a view to instantly or expeditiously identify the culprit(s) involved directly or indirectly in a crime case and also to maintain the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the investigation to the optimum.

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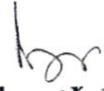
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