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Sub: **Kerala Police – Filing of Crime cases before Gram Nyayalayas – Instructions issued – Reg.**

Ref: The Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008.

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The Gram Nyayalayas are established at the grass root level for the purpose of providing access to justice to the citizens at their doorsteps. The objective is to provide inexpensive justice to people in Rural areas.

**02.** Three years have elapsed since thirty (30) Gram Nyayalayas have been constituted Block-wise in the State of Kerala. These have been constituted under the Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008. The Gram Nyayalayas are having Jurisdiction and may:-

- a) Try all offences specified in Part I of the First Schedule of the Act; (copy attached as Annexure-I )
- b) Deal with offences punishable with imprisonment upto two years, theft etc. under the Indian Penal Code where the value of the property does not exceed Rupees twenty thousand.
- c) Try all offences and grant relief, if any, specified under the enactments included in Part II of the Schedule of the Act; &
- d) Try all such offences or grant such relief under the Local Laws which may be notified by the State Government.

**03.** Gram Nyayalayas were established to reduce the enormous workload of JFMCs and to ensure speedy justice. The SHOs shall understand the jurisdiction of Gram Nyayalayas and should file FIR to Final Report of the offences mentioned in the Part I of First Schedule of Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008, before the respective Gram Nyayalaya, in time bound manner without fail.

**04.** All DPCs shall monitor filing of cases in Gram Nyayalayas by the SHOs in the respective Jurisdictions. All DCRB DySPs/ACPs should include the details of filing of cases, disposal details etc. in Gram Nyayalayas in Monthly Crime Review Report in their respective districts. The list of Gram Nyayalayas and the Jurisdiction is enclosed (as Annexure II).

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**Loknath Behera IPS**  
**DGP/State Police Chief**

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# ANNEXURE - I

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## THE FIRST SCHEDULE

(See sections 12 and 14)

### PART I

#### OFFENCES UNDER THE INDIAN PENAL CODE (45 OF 1860), ETC.

- (i) offences not punishable with death, imprisonment for life or imprisonment for a term exceeding two years;
- (ii) theft, under section 379, section 380 or section 381 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860), where the value of the property stolen does not exceed rupees twenty thousand;
- (iii) receiving or retaining stolen property, under section 411 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860), where the value of the property does not exceed rupees twenty thousand;
- (iv) assisting in the concealment or disposal of stolen property, under section 414 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860), where the value of such property does not exceed rupees twenty thousand;
- (v) offences under sections 454 and 456 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860);
- (vi) insult with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, under section 504, and criminal intimidation punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both, under section 506 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860);
- (vii) abetment of any of the foregoing offences;
- (viii) an attempt to commit any of the foregoing offences, when such attempt is an offence.

### PART II

#### OFFENCES AND RELIEF UNDER THE OTHER CENTRAL ACTS

- (i) any offence constituted by an act in respect of which a complaint may be made under section 20 of the Cattle-trespass Act, 1871(1 of 1871);
- (ii) the Payment of Wages Act, 1936 (4 of 1936);
- (iii) the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 (11 of 1948);
- (iv) the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 (22 of 1955);
- (v) order for maintenance of wives, children and parents under Chapter IX of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974);
- (vi) the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 (19 of 1976);
- (vii) the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 (25 of 1976);
- (viii) the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (43 of 2005).

### PART III

#### OFFENCES AND RELIEF UNDER THE STATE ACTS

(To be notified by the State Government)