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**Circular. 32/2021/PHQ**

Sub : Curbing of Gawking Charge (Nokkukooli) - Instructions as envisaged in the interim Order of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) 17866/2021 - Circular issued - reg.

Ref : 1. PHQ Circular Number S8/5044/2012 Dated 26.03.2012  
2. Advisory Memo Number D1/169028/2016 PHQ Dated 14/10/2016  
3. Interim Order in WP(C) 17866/2021 Dated 23.11.2021 of the Hon.High Court of Kerala.

1) The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, when considering WP(C) 17866/2021, observed that every kind of demand of "Nokkukooli" should be strongly dealt with, by considering it as an act of "Extortion" and Crime Cases should be registered against the offenders accordingly, which should be followed up by proper, timely and sustained investigation.

2) The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala also directed to issue a circular to all station house officers to register cases for extortion, along with other offences, every time a complaint is made relating to the demand of 'Nokkukooli' by a Union or its members.

3) Under the circumstances, **all District Police Chiefs are instructed to register F.I.Rs as and when a genuine petition is received regarding the demand of "Nokkukooli" and conduct the investigation of the case, with utmost care and vigilance.** The case shall be investigated and charge sheeted with top priority. The SHO's should rise to the occasion and put in committed efforts, as directed by the Hon'ble Court and thereby avoid the trauma on victims, for making payments for no work done.

4) The copies of this Circular should be communicated to all subordinate officers for complying the instructions in letter and spirit without fail. The copies of the references are attached with this circular for ready reference.

Anil Kant IPS  
State Police Chief

To : All Officers in List A/B/C, All Unit Heads

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