## POLICE



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## Circular. 2/2025/PHQ

Sub: Erection of Illegal Boards/Banners/ Flags etc in public places-Compliance of the direction of Hon'ble High Court - Instructions issued-reg.

Ref : 1. Order of Hon'ble High Court in WP(C) 22750/2018 dated 18/12/2024

2. Govt Circular dated 11/12/2024, 12/12/2024 of LSGD(RC) Department

3. Unofficial Note dated 13/12/2024 of LSGD(RC) Department

The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala had issued directions earlier to the Govt and State Police Chief to take steps to curb the public nuisance caused by erection of Illegal Boards/ Banners/ Flags etc in public places. Accordingly, Govt as well as PHQ has issued directions from time to time to comply the Court direction in its letter and spirit.

The Hon. High Court of Kerala in WP (C) No. 22750/2018 dtd 18.12.2024, has directed the authorities to continue the act of imposing exemplary fine against those who violates the directions of authorities in this regard to ensure that the Boards/Banners/ Flags / Festoons that have been taken away do not reappear. It was stated that the registration of FIRs is also equally important, though it can be for the event and not for each individual board/flag. It was further directed that whenever the Local Self Government Institutions approach the Police for registration of an FIR, it shall be done peremptorily without any waste of time; and that failure to do so would make them personally liable in law.

During the discharge of action to remove every unauthorized board, flag, festoon which is still remaining on the public streets, whenever the Secretary or Staff of the LSGD are threatened by any vested interest or their foot soldiers to derail the mission, the SHOs shall ensure that the authorities are given protection from the





attack of such vested interests and that they are taken to task under the law to the fullest extent.

The instructions aforesaid, the directions in the Court Order and Government Circulars referred above are to be followed in stricto sensu, without fail.

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