Circular. 33/2021/PHQ

Sub : Handling of POCSO Cases - reg
Ref : Corrigendum to Circular No. 24/2017 Dtd 3/10/2017

In the Circular read above, it was instructed that "no cases registered under POCSO Act and rules shall be charge sheeted or referred without the approval of the Range IGPs". Due to the same, it has been noticed that there has been undue delay in charge sheeting/ referring the cases under the POCSO Act and Rules. Hence, in partial modification of the Circular, the condition of prior approval of Range IGPs/DPCs before disposing the case, is hereby deleted. All Officers are hereby directed to initiate action to charge sheet / refer the cases coming under POCSO Act & Rules, expeditiously.

All DPCs will mandatorily conduct separate monthly meetings to review POCSO / SC-ST Act cases only. However the requirement to obtain sanction from higher Officers in such cases, is dispensed with.

The above Circular is modified to the extent.

To : All Officers in List "D" for information and further necessary action.

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