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Sub:- Stealing, Chain – Snatching etc. by use of Bike – Reward to Informers – Instructions – Regarding

Section 66 of Kerala Police Act 2011 provides for the institution of awards and rewards to general public for excellent services rendered or providing information for the prevention of offence or for the investigation of Crime or for the maintenance of Law and Order or security.

- 2. Chain-Snatching, stealing, etc by using motorcycles create panic among the public and is a major concern for the Police. In order to curb the menace with the active support of the general public it has been decided to offer monetary reward up to Rs.5000/- (Rupees five thousand only) to those providing information/ evidence in this regard to Police.
- 3. Now-a-days most people are having mobile phones, digital cameras, iPods etc., through which snaps or videos of criminals/vehicles etc. can be taken instantaneously. People generally are not keen to use such gadgets in such situations. It is hoped that a support of rewards will eventually create a public awareness and alertness so that they take still photographs/ videos, etc in such situation. Such photographs / videos etc can be handed over to Police secretly or openly by the public without going to Police Station directly. The information can be passed either through Telephone or by SMS. Information can also be provided to Police Message Centre through SMS. If any person desires to provide information secretly, information shall be gathered from him by sending a Police official and ensure the confidentiality of source.

The following guidelines are issued in this connection:-

- (a) All officers are directed to give wide publicity in the matter within their local jurisdiction and make arrangements at Control Room and Police Station to immediately act on such information.
- (b) All officers concerned should ensure that any information received from informers is acted upon immediately.
- (c) The safety and security of the informer should be given top priority.
- (d) The identity of the informer may be kept secret if he/she wishes so.
- (e) The public should be encouraged and appreciated for providing useful information.
- (f) The reward offered should be given to the deserving and eligible informer, as expeditiously as possible.
- (g) The reward amount may be drawn from the Head of Account "2055-00-109-99-34 OE other charges", after getting sanction from appropriate authority.

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