



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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Even after repeated instructions, it is noticed that certain Officers and men, engaged in Law and Order duties, are showing reluctance in wearing protective clothing/protective wear such as helmet, body protector, riot shield,...etc. and a few are seen even not holding lathi in their hands. Hurling of stones by a violent mob would leave men and officers with injuries due to the absence of protective gear.

The protective gears are issued for the safety of the men and Officers who are facing Law and Order situations. Wearing of protective clothings not only keep police personnel unhurt, but also give them confidence to deal with the situation firmly. Safety of police personnel is important while they are handling law and order situations.

A few superior officers attending Law and Order duty who are leading the force from the forefront are seen neither wearing protective wear nor ensuring their men are in such an attire. To put it shortly , it is an unhealthy affair which not only pushes the police personnel to danger but also leaves an impression of sorry figure on the whole police department.

Hence, it is once again instructed/reminded that all men and Officers should wear protective clothing and equipments such as helmet,

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body protector, riot shield etc. while handling all anticipated Law and Order situations. The onus of wearing protective wear is left with each individual who take part in Law and Order duties. However, the senior Police Officer present in like situations should not only wear protective equipment himself , but should ensure that his subordinates are also in such attire. Any laxity on the part of men and Officers in this regard will be viewed seriously. The individual as well as the Senior Officer present, will be held accountable for not wearing helmet, body protector, riot shield,...etc. while dealing with an anticipated Law and Order situation.

State Police Chief.

To

All Officers in list 'B'.

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