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Sub:- Creation of District Missing Persons Tracing Unit (DMPTU) – Reg.

Every year a number of persons are reported missing in Kerala of which young girls and children constitute a considerable portion. Out of this, some missing persons are traced and produced before the Courts only after very lengthy investigation. Missing persons may be cases of human trafficking for various purposes, including sexual exploitation. Recently it was noticed that at least in a few cases, the missing persons could be traced out and produced before courts only after some delay which attracted the displeasure of courts. To avoid such unpleasant situation, it seems the present style of investigation should be streamlined for which the following instructions are issued:

1. District Missing Persons Tracing Units are hereby ordered to be constituted in all Districts. AC/Dy.SP Crime Detachment will be the head of this unit. In addition to the present investigating officer (of the missing persons case) this unit will comprise of 3 or 4 promoted SIs (preferably newly promoted) and 3 or 4 ASIs and required number of HCs / PCs.
2. When a missing case is reported in the police station FIR should be registered immediately and as far as possible the investigation of such cases should be conducted by Sub Inspector/ SHO of that station.
3. If the missing person remained untraced even after investigation for 15 days from the date of registration of the case, the investigation should be taken over by the District Missing Persons Tracing Unit (DMPTU).
4. SI/SHO of the station in which the case is reported will remain as the Investigating Officer and continue the investigation of the case under the direct supervision of the Head of District Missing Persons Tracing Unit.
5. Immediately after taking over the supervision of the case, the District Missing Persons Tracing Unit Head (Dy.SP / AC concerned) will send a proposal to the DPC to constitute a special tracing unit with the concerned SI as the IO and 3 or 4

promoted SIs or ASIs and sufficient number of men of that District as a special team for tracing the missing person.

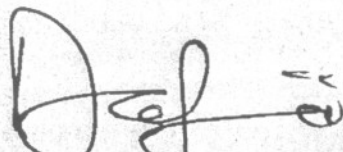
6. The District Missing Persons Tracing Unit Head will divide the special team conveniently into 2 or 3 groups and each group will be assigned with specific task of investigation points like investigation in other States, investigation in other faraway places within the State etc.

7. It is the duty of the District Missing Persons Tracing Unit Head to ensure the maximum utilization and co operation of District Cyber Cells to trace out and locate the missing persons and his or her associates or suspected abductors. The details available in www.tackthemissingchild.gov.in may also be referred to and used extensively in these searches.

8. District Missing Persons Tracing Unit Head will see that all efforts taken by the special team under him to trace out the missing person are accounted timely and properly in the CD file concerned.

9. To start with, this special tracing / tracking system will be put in place immediately in respect of all missing girls/women and children irrespective of whether abduction or any other serious crime is suspected or not.

10. The DPCs shall also ensure that even during the initial 15 days period of missing women/children cases, the case is reviewed every alternate day by the CI and on every fourth day by the Dy.SP concerned. The SP himself should review it once every week till the case is detected. Range IsGP shall review all such women/ childrens missing cases every month in their crime conference and issue suitable instruction including changing teams if needed.


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