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Police Headquarters
Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
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Circular No. 17/2014

Sub:- Investigation of cases of missing person/children - Instructions issued.

Ref:- 1) PHQ Circular No. 32/2009 dated 12.08.2009
2) PHQ Circular No.14/2013 dated 26.06.2013
3) PHQ Circular No. 16/2013 dated 01.07.2013

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(1) In the item No. 2 (v) of the Circular No. 32/2009 it is stated that if the missing person is a minor or unmarried girl the case shall be treated as a grave crime even if there is no direct evidence of kidnapping or abduction or procurement or enticement.

(2) In item No. 6 of PHQ circular 14/2013 it is stated that if the missing child is not recovered within four months from the date of filing the FIR the matter may be forwarded to the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit in order to enable the said unit to take up more intensive investigation regarding the missing child.

(3) In Item No. 3 of PHQ circular 16/2013 it is stated that if the missing person remain untraced even after investigation for 15 days from the date of registering of the case the investigation should be taken over by District Missing Persons Tracking Unit (DMPTU).

The above instructions can be summed up as follows for clarity.

While the missing person is a minor or an unmarried girl the case shall be treated as Grave crime as instructed in Circular 32/2009 and the investigation shall be conducted by the Circle Inspector of Police. If the missing person remains untraced even after 15 days from the date of registration of the case the

investigation is to be taken over by the DMPTU allowing the same investigating officers to continue under the supervision of the Head of DMPTU as directed in Circular 16/2013. In the case where the missing person is a child and it remains to be untraced within four months from the date of registration of the case the matter may be forwarded to the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit as directed in Circular 14/2013.


State Police Chief
12/7/14

To

All Officers in list 'B'
CAs to all Officers in PHQ
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