Circular No.22/2018 dated 07/08/2018 - Erratum

Sub: Incidents of violence and lynching by mobs - Hon'ble Supreme Court directions in WP(C) 754/2016- PHQ Circular No. 22/2018 dated 07/08/2018- Erratum issued- Reg


In the 2nd paragraph of the Circular vide reference 1st cited, it is stated that "all the District Police Chiefs are hereby instructed to direct compulsory police patrolling in the sensitive areas keeping in view the incidents of the past and the intelligence gathered at district level and ADGP(Intelligence) will do the same for the State". In the circumstances reported by ADGP(Intelligence) vide reference 2nd cited, the 2nd paragraph of the Circular is amended as follows;

"All the District Police Chiefs are hereby instructed to ensure compulsory police patrolling in the sensitive areas keeping in view the incidents of the past and the intelligence gathered at District level and ADGP (Intelligence) will monitor the situation all over the State and any relevant information will be passed on to the concerned field officers for immediate action".

Loknath Behera IPS
State Police Chief

To: All District Police Chiefs for information and necessary action.
   ADsGP Zones/ADGP(Int)/ADGP Crime Branch/ADGP, SCRIP
   All Range IsGP / All Officers in PHQ / DD PR

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Sub: - Incidents of violence and lynching by mobs - directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court to the State Government to curb the incidents of mob lynching - instructions issued - reg.

Ref:- Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 17-07-2018 in Tehseen S. Poonawalla Vs. Union of India [WP(C) No.754 of 2016]

Hon'ble Supreme Court in the writ petition cited had ruled that lynching is an affront to the rule of law and to the exalted values of the Constitution itself. No individual in his own capacity or as a part of a group, which within no time assumes the character of a mob can take law into his/their hands and deal with a person treating him as guilty. Isolated incidents of mob violence and lynching have been reported in our State also in recent times that need serious consideration.

In view of the directions of the apex court in the judgment cited all the District Police Chiefs are hereby instructed to direct compulsory police patrolling in the sensitive areas keeping in view the incidents of the past and the intelligence gathered at district level and ADGP (Intelligence) will do the same for the State. There should be seriousness in patrolling so that the anti-social elements involved in such crimes are discouraged and remain within the boundaries of law thus fearing to even think of taking the law into their own hands.

The full text of the judgment can be downloaded from the Kerala Police Website by the District Police Chiefs which they should do and comply with the order, brief field officers etc.

Loknath Behera, IPS,
Director General of Police & State Police Chief.

To

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