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Thiruvananthapuram – 695010  
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Sub: Informing Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on arrest of foreign nationals –  
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When a foreign national is arrested in India, it is quite usual that the respective foreign country might make efforts to obtain information on incidents leading to the arrest and for providing consular access to their detained citizen. Often in such situations, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) receives queries from Foreign Embassies/High Commissions in New Delhi regarding the arrest.

**02.** If timely information is not provided by the Law Enforcement Agencies to the Central Government about the arrest of foreign nationals, the MEA will not be in a position to intimate/respond to the queries from the Diplomatic missions; which further causes inconvenience and embarrassment to the Government of India.

**03.** The CPV Division, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is the nodal point for foreign Diplomatic Missions regarding information of **arrest/death/whereabouts** of foreign nationals in India. All Law Enforcement Agencies in India are required to inform MEA any instance of arrest/death of foreign nationals.

**04.** Therefore, all District Police Chiefs are directed to ensure that, in the event of an arrest/death of a foreigner, the information regarding their whereabouts and the circumstances leading to their arrest/death is transmitted immediately within 24 hrs to the Ministry of External Affairs. The information in English may be sent to MEA on the following address/email:-

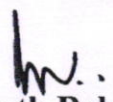
**Consular Section (CPV Division)**  
**Ministry of External Affairs**  
**Patiala House Annexe, Tilak Marg**  
**New Delhi – 110001**  
**Tel: 011 -23389165**  
**Email: [jscpv@mea.gov.in](mailto:jscpv@mea.gov.in); [uscons@mea.gov.in](mailto:uscons@mea.gov.in); [socons@mea.gov.in](mailto:socons@mea.gov.in)**

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05. A copy of the intimation should be marked to PHQ in the name cover of DIG(HQ)/IGP(HQ) or in the email id [igphq.pol@kerala.gov.in](mailto:igphq.pol@kerala.gov.in)

06. SHOs may be made aware about the importance of the matter.

  
**Loknath Behera IPS,**  
State Police Chief, Kerala

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All Officers in List D

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