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Sub: Investigation of Cases in Vanitha PSs - instructions issuing of -reg.

Ref: This Office Memorandum No. 17/2020 dated 15.12.2020

In continuation to the Office Memorandum No. 17/2020, the following instructions are issued.

02. On a careful consideration, it has been noticed that there is a lot of confusion and ambiguity regarding the functioning of Vanitha Police Stations in the State. In accordance with the recent policy of the Government with regard to Women empowerment, women police personnel are expected to do executive duty and to register and investigate all types of crimes in which women and children are the victims, more than their men counter parts.

03. Section 161 Cr.PC, in sub section (3), entrusts Women Police Officers as "provided further that the statement of a woman against whom an offense under sections 354 A, 354 B, 354 C, 354 D, 375, 376, 376 A, 376 B, 376 C, 376 D, 376 or section 509 of the IPC is alleged to have been committed or attempted shall be recorded, as far as possible, by a Woman Police Officer.

04. As such, Vanitha Police Stations are hereby empowered to conduct investigation as and when required strictly following the instructions given below:

05. **Registration & investigation of cases:** The Govt. of Kerala in its Notifications has clearly mentioned that the Vanitha PS (which is a Special Police Station), wherein cases in which either the complainant or the accused is a woman will be registered. Cases can be registered in the Vanitha PSs in the following circumstances;

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1. There are more than one accused person and one of them is a male and others are female; the complainant is a lady.
2. If the complainant is a male and the accused is a female, that case can be registered and investigated in the Vanitha Police Station.
3. The cases relating to women, children and missing of girls should be registered and investigated by the Vanitha PS.
4. Vanitha Police Station like other Police Stations will have territorial jurisdiction and will have powers to register and investigate case under special and local laws; but in such cases either the complainants or the accused re women.
5. They are free to register suo-motu cases also.
6. Grave crimes wherein, either the complainant is a woman or the accused is a woman or even more than one woman accused is there (in a case) can also be investigated by the Vanitha Police Station.
7. If a complaint regarding a case to be investigated by the Vanitha PS is received in any police station in the District, that case will be registered in the Local PS concerned and then transferred to the Vanitha PS without any delay for investigation, but with the knowledge of SDPO concerned.
8. All the cases being transferred to the Vanitha Police Stations for investigations, for the time being, will be supervised by an DySP level officer to be nominated by the DPC concerned with the concurrence of the IGP South Zone. IGP South Zone will look after the management of cases of the Vanitha PSs for at least three months from the date of this order.
9. The petitions, now a days, are being enquired into by the District Vanitha Cell. If a particular petitioner prefers to file a petition in a Vanitha PS, it can be registered in the Vanitha PS, unless otherwise directed by the superior officers (SDPO/ Addl. SP/ DPC concerned).

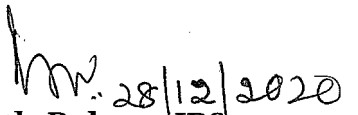
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10. Cases where designated officers need to investigate, like SC/ST (PoA) Act for instance, are registered in a Vanitha Police Station on the complaint of women, such cases should be transferred to the competent officer for investigation as per the direction of the DPCs concerned.
11. The SHO of the Vanitha PS & her Staff will do all police station related works like patrolling, prevention of crime, beat, night patrols in bikes or vehicles etc. They can do other duties as assigned by the Senior Police Officers.
12. If the DPC feels that, the accused of a particular case of Vanitha PS needs to be kept in a lock-up other than the Vanitha PS Lock-up, that should be intimated to the SHO of the Vanitha PS concerned in writing. It is advisable that the female accused persons are produced in the court as quickly as possible, to avoid maximum to keep them in the lockups.
13. The APARs on the SHO and other staff of Vanitha Police Station will be routed through the Inspector of Police, Women Cell concerned wherever IoP is not available in the hierarchy. The visits and Inspections of Vanitha PSs will be like that of any other Police Station by SDPO & DPC etc.
14. The CDs of Vanitha Police Station will be submitted to the concerned SDPO through the Inspector of Police, Women Cell and GD of the Vanitha Police Station will be submitted to the SDPO through Inspector of Police, Women Cell wherever IoP is not available in the hierarchy.
15. The IoP of the Vanitha Cell in the District and SDPO concerned should take personal interest in working of the Vanitha Police Station. The officers should take special care to properly brief the SHO/SI, SCPOs and CPOs of Vanitha Police Station regarding their duties and responsibilities and every effort will be made to ensure that the Police Station functions

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as an effective machinery to redress the grievances, especially of the Women/Children of the District.

16. SDPO/Addl.SP/Addl.DCP will visit the Vanitha PS thrice a year and record their remarks.


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