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EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE No. 05/12

Sub: Hi Tech Crime Enquiry Cell/District Cyber Cells – online sexual harassment against women - maintaining of secrecy – instructions issued – Reg.

Ref:- (1) GO (Rt)No.909/04/Home dated 15.04.2004
(2) PHQ Circular No.02/2009 dated 25.02.2009
(3) PHQ Order No.S3/82210/04 dated 24.03.2009
(4) Executive Directive No.02/2010 dated 03/2010 and 04/2012 dated 04.11.2012.

In continuation of the above referred Orders/Circulars/Executive Directives, the following further instructions are issued for strict compliance.

The term 'cyber crime against women' in India is mostly used to cover apparently objectionable sexual acts and sexual abuses in the internet, such as morphing the pictures and using them for purposes of pornography, harassing and blackmailing women, sending harassing mails or messages, cyber stalking, cyber defamation and email spoofing.

A number of petitions alleging online sexual harassment are being received in Hi Tech Crime Enquiry Cell and District Cyber Cells. These units are handling very sensitive issues such as Social Network abuses, Online sexual harassment against girls etc. Such activities of miscreants will tarnish the reputation of the families of the victims if they come out in the open.

In view of the above, petitions regarding publishing/transmitting of pornographic pictures or videos in the internet should be handled with great care and caution keeping in mind the need for a high degree of confidentiality in handling the issue. The person

attending to the enquiry should not take copies of such pictures, videos, messages, mails etc., elsewhere than in the relevant petition file which should be kept as confidential. During or after the enquiry, such pictures, videos, messages, mails etc., should not be shown to any unauthorized person. Similarly, the police personnel conducting the enquiry should not contact the victims or their relatives unnecessarily and cause any kind of inconvenience to the victims. Police personnel should realize that this duty calls for a high degree of integrity and moral standards on their part and act accordingly.

It shall be the personal responsibility of the Officer-in-charge of the Hi Tech Crime Enquiry Cell/District Cyber Cells to ensure that the instructions given above are complied with in letter and spirit.

Any instance of harassing or making unwarranted acquaintance with the victims will be viewed very seriously and stringent action will be taken against the person concerned including registration of crime case, if necessary, in addition to appropriate departmental action.


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