

THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA

ERNAKULAM,
KOCHI-682 031

No: D1(B) 77356/2008

Dated:22-12-2008.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

Sub: Subordinate Judicial Officers - private vehicles - display of designation - revised orders - issued.

- Ref: 1) High Court Official Memorandum No: D1B 67366/2007 dt. 28-9-2007.
2) Representation dt. 4-10-2008 Submitted by the Kerala Judicial Officers' Association.

All Judicial Officers in the State have been restrained from displaying name-plates indicating their designation on their private vehicles as per the Official Memorandum first cited.

The High Court, while considering the representation second cited, submitted by the Kerala Judicial Officers' Association, has observed that a good number of judicial officers are on duty round the clock and they are using private cars, instead of pool cars, utilising the fuel allotted as per the recommendation of the First National Judicial Commission.

The High Court therefore further observed that the display of name plates indicating the designation of judicial officers on their private cars will help the identification of such vehicles, whereby unpleasant experiences of judicial officers on the road shall be avoided, as most of their journeys are official in nature.

In the circumstances, in modification to the Official Memorandum first cited, the High Court hereby grants permission to all judicial officers in the State to display name plates indicating their designation on their private cars subject to the following conditions:-

i) The display of name plate on the private car shall not obstruct the view of the number plate of the vehicle.

ii) The name plate indicating the designation shall be covered when the judicial officer is not in the car concerned.

iii) The misuse of the permission to display name plate indicating designation shall be viewed seriously by the High Court, and the permission shall be withdrawn in the case judicial officers found to be misusing the permission.

(By Order)

REGISTRAR
(SUBORDINATE JUDICIARY)

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary to Government, Home(C) Dept.,
Thiruvananthapuram (With C/L)

The Accountant General (A&E), Audit, Thiruvananthapuram..

The Advocate-General, Kerala, Ernakulam.(With C/L)

The Director of Public Relations, Thiruvananthapuram.(WithC/L)

All District Judges.

All Chief Judicial Magistrates.

The 'B' Section, High Court.

The Joint Registrars, High Court.

The Deputy Registrars, High Court.

The Assistant Registrars, High Court.

The Private Secretary to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court.

The Private Secretaries to the Hon'ble Judges, High Court.

The Confidential Assistants to the Registrars, High Court.

The Administrative Records Section, High Court.

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