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**OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM**

Sub: General instructions on maintenance of records in split up cases-reg.

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While hearing various Criminal Appeals in the High Court, it has been found that the details of the split up cases are not available before the courts in the District Judiciary as the entire lower court records are forwarded to the High Court in connection with the appeal pending before this court. This makes it difficult to understand whether the trial against the other accused is already completed or not. To avoid this, the following guidelines are issued to all the courts in the District Judiciary for maintaining the records of the split up cases.

In cases where one or more of the accused have appeared and others are absconding and the court decides to split up the case,

(i) where the case against the accused who have appeared is being committed, or

(ii) where the records of the case are summoned by the appellate/ revisional court after the case against them has been disposed of by the trial court;

the court shall prepare a certified copy of the whole case records for use in the case which has been split up, before the original records are sent to the committal/ appellate/ revisional court, as the case may be.

(By Order)

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