



THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA

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OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

Sub : Doing away with the practice of referring the Trial Courts as
'Lower Courts' – reg.

Ref : Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 08-02-2024 in
SLP(Crl) No.1936/2019.

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The Honourable the Supreme Court had, vide order referred above, directed the registry of that court to stop referring to the 'Trial Courts' as 'Lower Courts' and the 'Trial Court Records' as 'Lower Court Records'. The Honourable the Chief Justice of this Court is pleased to advise this registry to follow the observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in letter and spirit.

Therefore, the District Judiciary is informed that the High Court will be referring to the Courts in the District Judiciary as trial courts, first appellate court etc. as the case may be. Similarly the relevant records will be referred to as trial court records, first appellate court records, District Court/ Sessions Court records etc. The communications/ orders from the High Court will hereafter reflect this change.

The High Court expects the District Judiciary also to follow the above principles. All Judicial Officers and the staff in the District Judiciary, especially in the higher levels of the hierarchy, shall do away with the practice of referring the Courts which fall in the lower hierarchy as 'Lower

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Courts'. Instead, these Courts shall be referred as 'Trial Courts' and the Records of these Courts shall be referred to as 'Trial Court Records'. The officers shall bear this in mind while issuing orders/ communications.

(By Order)



P.J.Vincent
Registrar(District Judiciary)



To

All the Principal District Judges in the State and the Principal District Judge, Kavaratti. (They shall communicate the above to all the judicial officers in their district)

Copy to :

The Director, Kerala Judicial Academy, Athani.

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CA to Registrars, High Court.

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The Administrative Records Section, High Court

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