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**THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA**

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**OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM**

Sub.: Writ Petitions filed in the High Court alleging delay or other grounds in disposal of mercy petition/ application for commutation- listing before the Division Bench directly - reg.

Ref.: Order dated 09/12/2021 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Crl. A No. 1596-1597/2021.

The Honourable Supreme Court, while considering a writ petition challenging the delay in disposal of mercy petition, held, vide order cited under reference, that such Original Writ Petitions shall be posted before the Division Bench itself if the concerned rules, procedure or the provisions of the High Court permit so.

In view of the above, Honourable the Chief Justice has directed that whenever an original Writ Petition is filed in the High Court alleging delay or other grounds in disposal of mercy petition/ application for commutation, it shall be listed before the Division Bench only. The judicial sections concerned shall strictly comply with the above direction.

(By Order)

P. Krishna Kumar  
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All Sections on the Judicial Side, High Court