

## THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA

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## **OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM**

Sub.: New criminal laws – implementation of w.e.f. 01/07/2024 – reg.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide notifications No. S.O. 850(E), S.O. 848(E), S.O. 849(E) dated 23/02/2024 has appointed the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024 as the date on which the provisions of *the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023*, *the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023* and *the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023* respectively shall come into force. Necessary training on the new laws is being imparted to the judicial officers by the Kerala Judicial Academy.

To ensure the proper implementation of the said new criminal laws, the following directions are issued to all the judicial officers in the District Judiciary:

- 1. They shall take note of the fact that the new criminal laws will come into force from the  $1^{st}$  day of July, 2024.
- 2. They shall be well versed with the provisions of the new Acts.
- 3. The new forms prescribed under *the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023* will have to be used in cases registered from 01/07/2024. Hence, the courts concerned shall get them printed in the courts itself for the time being, untill forms are supplied from the press.
- 4. If any new registers are required to be started and maintained under the new Acts, the same shall be done.

5. the cases already received in the Sessions Court on Committal, if kept unnumbered, shall be numbered immediately and those which are to be made over to the Assistant Sessions Court can be made over by 30/06/2024.

(By Order)

Jobin Sebastian Registrar (District Judiciary)

To

All the Principal District Judges in the State
The District Judge, Kavaratti
All the Chief Judicial Magistrates
(They shall communicate a copy to all the Criminal Courts in the district)

## Copy to

The Director, Kerala Judicial Academy, Athani Adv. G. Unnikrishnan, Secretary, Rule Committee, Vigneswaram, Ganapathy Temple Road, Edappally- 682 024