THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA

07/8:50484-2562985

o: DI-7/ 108531/2015

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## OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

Sub.: Recording of statement of child victim u/s 164 of Cr.P.C.-reg.

Ref: 1.High Court O.M. No. D2-54663/2014 dated 05.01.2015

2. Section 26 (4) of the POCSO Act.

The High Court vide reference cited first had issued directions that statements of child victims u/s 164 Cr.P.C. shall be recorded in the chamber of the Magistrate concerned.

Now, in accordance to the reference cited second, which states that statements of child victims shall be recorded by audio - video electronic means, wherever possible, and considering that video conferencing facility has now been installed in all the Magistrate Courts in the State, it is hereby directed that statements of PoCSO Act victims u/s 164 of Cr.P.C., shall be recorded by the Magistrates through video conferencing facility, wherever possible, by utilizing the available facility.

(By Order)

Vijayakumary P.

Joint Registrar

To,

All the District Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates in the State (They are directed to bring the contents of the above to the notice of all the Judicial Officers under them.)

Note: Reply, if any, may be sent to the Registrar (District Judiciary) or to the fax number shown above.

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