

CIRCULAR

Sub: Subordinate Courts – Not to insist on higher amount of bail for indigent prisoners – Dealing with First offenders – Instructions issued – Reg.

Ref: Letter, dated 04.01.2017, addressed by the Hon'ble Mr.Justice H.L.Dattu, (former Chief Justice of India) Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi.

This High Court, after considering the Letter under Reference, directs that all the Presiding Officers of Criminal Courts in the State of Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry shall scrupulously adhere to the following instructions:

1. *Regarding Bailable Offences, the Presiding Officers of the Criminal Courts, while considering the bail applications, not to insist on higher amount of bail for indigent prisoners; and*
2. *Depending upon the facts of the case, the first offender u/s.4 of the Probation of Offenders Act, is to be placed under the control of the Probationary Officer rather than continuing in the jail.*

Receipt of this Circular may be acknowledged at once.

HIGH COURT, MADRAS

DATED: 15/02/2017

To

1. All the Principal District Judges.
2. The Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai-104
3. The District Judge-cum-Chief Judicial Magistrate, The Nilgiris at Uthagamandalam.
4. The Chief Judge, Puducherry.

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