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Sub:- POCSO Committee Meeting held on 31.08.2021 – The Committee discussed about recording of statements of Child Victims through Audio-Video Electronic means, under Section 164 Cr.P.C. – Resolution Passed – Direction Communicated – Reg.

As resolved in the meeting of the Hon'ble POCSO Committee, High Court of Madras, all the Magistrates are directed not to videograph the statements of Child Victims recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C., be it an offence under the IPC or the POCSO Act, in a routine manner, but, to take a decision on a case-to-case basis, having regard to secondary victimization of victims and that, only in exceptional cases, where the Magistrates or the Investigating Officers decide to have the statements of Child Victims under Section 164 Cr.P.C. videographed, the same shall be done only by the Police photographers in compliance of Section 26(4) of the POCSO Act and the Superintendent of Police shall make available the Police photographers, who shall ensure that the recording is kept confidential.

HIGH COURT, MADRAS.
DATED: 14.09.2021

Sd/- P. DHANABAL,
REGISTRAR GENERAL

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Assistant Registrar (JJ Act) (i/c)

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To

1. All the Principal District Judges, Tamil Nadu
2. The Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai.
3. The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai
4. The Chief Judge, Puducherry.

} with request to circulate this to the Magistrates under their control.

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1. The Sessions Judges, Special court for exclusive trial of cases under POCSO Act, Chennai, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Kanchipuram @ Chengalpattu, Kanyakumari @ Nagercoil, Madurai, Nagapattinam, Salem, Sivagangai, Thanjavur, Tirunelveli, Tiruvannamalai, Tuticorin, Vellore, Villupuram, and Virudhunagar @ Srivilliputhur.
2. The Sessions Judges, Mahalir Neethimandram (Fast Track Mahila Court), Ariyalur, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Erode, Karur, Krishnagiri, Namakkal, Udhamandalam, Ramanathapuram, Theni, Thiruchirapalli, Tiruvallur, Tiruvarur and Tiruppur.
3. The Sessions Judge, Mahila Court, Perambalur, Pudukottai.
4. The Sessions Judge, Karaikal.
5. The Director General of Police, Mylapore, Chennai- 600 004.
6. The Additional Director General of Police, State Crime against Women and Children, Mylapore, Chennai.