



**OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM**

Sub: Courts – Making over of cases to Mahila Courts –  
Direction issued – Regarding.

- Ref: 1. G.O.(Ms).No.554, Home (Cts-II) Department,  
dated 18.10.2019.
2. G.O.(Ms).No. 660, Home (Cts-II) Department  
dated 19.11.2019.
3. G.O.(Ms).No.47, Home (Cts-II) Department  
dated 02.02.2021
4. G.O.(Ms).No.199, Home (Cts-II) Department  
dated 21.05.2021.
5. G.O.(Ms).No.363, Home (Cts-II) Department  
dated 31.08.2021.

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Pursuant to the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India made in W.P(Criminal) No.1/2019, dated 25.07.2019, on the recommendations of the High Court, the Government in G.O.(Ms).No.554, Home (Courts-II) Department, dated 18.10.2019 have issued orders for constitution of 16 Special Courts for exclusive trial of cases under POCSO Act, 2012, one each at Chennai, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Kancheepuram at Chengalpattu, Kanniyakumari at Nagercoil, Madurai, Nagapattinam, Salem, Sivagangai, Thanjavur, Tirunelveli, Tiruvannamalai, Thoothukudi, Vellore, Villupuram and Virudhunagar

at Srivilliputhur, and the Government under reference second cited have issued notification for Constitution of the said Court, and in the rest of the Districts the Mahila Courts/Fast Track Mahila Courts were designated as Special Courts for trial of POCSO Act cases in addition to their regular work.

2. Further, the Government in G.O.(Ms).No.47, Home (Cts-II) Department dated 02.02.2021, have issued orders for constitution of 4 more Special Courts one each at Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Theni and Tiruvallur Districts, for exclusive trial of cases under POCSO Act, 2012 and the Government in G.O.(Ms).No.363, Home (Cts-II) Department dated 31.08.2021, have issued Notification for constitution of the said Courts.

3. It was brought to the notice of the Hon'ble POCSO Committee that the Principal District Judges / District Judges are making over civil suits, appeals, MCOPs and other cases to the Mahila Courts on account of which, the disposal of cases by Mahila Courts designated as Special Courts for POCSO Act cases, is getting unduly delayed.

4. The Supreme Court, in the order dated 25.07.2019 in Suo Motu W.P.(CrI).No. 1 of 2019, has clearly stated that the Special Courts for POCSO Act Cases will try no other offence except those under the POCSO Act.

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5. Therefore, all the Principal District Judges /District Judges are hereby directed not to make over civil suits, appeals, MCOP cases and other civil cases, to the Mahila Courts, designated to try the cases filed under POCSO Act. However, the Mahila Courts shall as usual continue to try the cases relating to offences against women and the cases under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005.

6. The receipt of this Official Memorandum is to be acknowledged.

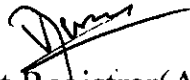
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

DATED: 26.11.2021.

SD/- P.DHANABAL

REGISTRAR GENERAL

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Assistant Registrar(Admn.IV)

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To:

1. All the Registrars, High Court, Madras/Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.
2. The Nodal Officer POCSO Act cases,  
Officer on Special Duty (E-Courts), High Court, Madras.

3. The Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai.
4. All the Principal District Judges/District Judges.
5. The District Judge-Cum -Chief Judicial Magistrate  
The Nilgiris @ Udhagamandalam.

With a request to communicate the copy of this OM to the Special Courts constituted for exclusive trial of cases under POCSO Act/ Mahila Court/Fast track Mahila Court for trial of cases under POCSO Act in your unit

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6.The Section Officer, B/JJA /Legal Cell/F/B5 Section,  
High Court, Madras.

7.The Record Keeper, A.D.Records, High Court, Madras.