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C I R C U L A R

Sub: Visits of the Central Prisons/Sub Jails in each District by the District & Sessions Judges-Instructions already issued-Certain lapses-Fresh Instructions Issued.

Ref: High Court's Circular in ROC No. 3616-A/96/F1, dated 4-10-96 (P.Dis.155/96).

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The attention of the Principal District and Sessions Judges including Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Madras and Sessions Judges is invited to the High Court's Circular cited wherein all the Principal District & Sessions Judges/District and Sessions Judges/and the Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Madras, had been directed to visit the Central Prison(s)/ Sub jails of ^{their} respective jurisdictions periodically i.e. on second Saturday and last Saturday of every month, in the capacity of Ex-Officio visitors of the prisons along with the Chief Judicial Magistrates/Chief Metropolitan Magistrate as the case may be, and ensure that the Conditions of the prison conform to certain minimum standards of maintainance, health, hygiene, Institutional treatment and discipline and also expected to make expeditious enquiries into the grievances of the prisoners and to take corrective action, as found necessary, to uphold human rights of the prisoners.

Of late, it is found that most of the Principal District and Sessions Judges/District & Sessions Judges of the Districts concerned and the Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Madras, accompanied by the respective Chief Judicial Magistrates/Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, as the case may be, are not visiting the jails/sub jails of their respective jurisdictions.

Periodically and thereby failed to submit periodical reports to the Hon'ble High Court and thus not only caused embarrassment but also defeated the very purpose of the jail visit by a Judicial Officer. This indifferent attitude must be shed down.

All the Principal District and Sessions Judges, District Judges and Sessions and the Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Madras are hereby directed to take immediate positive steps to visit the Central Prison/Jails/Sub Jails as the case may be under their jurisdiction along with the concerned Chief Judicial Magistrates or Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, as the case may be periodically i.e. on Second Saturday and last Saturday of every month, without fail, and submit a detailed report touching upon the issues pertaining to standards of maintenance, health Hygiene, Medical facilities, and such other institutional facility and discipline and also the corrective action taken on the matter which has arisen on the enquiry into the grievance of the Prisoners, as found necessary to uphold human rights of the prisoners.

A copy of the instructions already issued in this regard by the Hon'ble High Court, is enclosed for ready reference.

All the instructions issued in this regard are to be adhered scrupulously and any deviation would be viewed seriously.

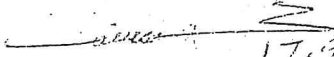
The receipt of the Circular is to be acknowledged at once.

HIGH COURT: MADRAS:

DATED: 16-09-2003.

Sd/- A.C.ARUMUGAPERUMAL
ADITYAN,
REGISTRAR GENERAL

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