

**THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA**

**HCKL/7314/2023-A7**

Kochi -682031  
Date: 13-10-2023

**NOTICE**

Sub:-Measures to strengthen the security arrangements of the High Court -reg

Ref:- 1. High Court Notice A7-8165/2022 dated 29.10.2022

2. Orders of the Honourable the Chief Justice dated 26.07.2023 in File NoHCKL/278/2023-J(A)

3. Orders of the Hon'ble the Chief Justice dated 4.10.2023 accepting the Minutes of the meeting of the Special Committee for looking into the security measures of the High Court held on 13.09.2023

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It has been decided to strengthen the security arrangements in the High Court in view of some recent security breaches and accordingly, the following instructions are hereby issued for strict compliance;

- 1) All persons coming with baggage, especially parties -in- person/ litigants, shall scan their baggage at the baggage scanners installed at the entry points before entering the High Court building.
- 2) If found necessary, persons including parties-in-person/ litigants and those who are issued with pass shall be subjected to frisking by using hand-held metal detectors by the security personnel deployed at the entry points, so as to avert instances of bringing hazardous objects into the building.
- 3) Persons bringing weapons or such potentially hazardous objects shall be denied entry into the High Court building and the same shall be seized and reported to the local police / returned, depending on the nature of the object attempted to be brought in.
- 4) Steps are underway to issue RFID cards to Advocates and Advocates' Clerks and also to install the Flap Barrier System. Till the completion of the aforesaid measures, the identity verification procedures implemented, vide High Court Notice cited (1), will continue to be in force.

**5)** Advocates who are not in robes are required to show their ID Cards at the entry points for identification. Verification of the identity of person(s) wearing the robes of a Lawyer will be done, only on suspicious circumstances.

**6)** Advocates' Clerks shall wear Identity Cards, on entering the High Court building.

**7)** All Staff Members of the High Court shall wear their Identity Cards conspicuously while entering the High Court premises, so as to enable the Security Personnel to swiftly verify their identity. However, in the event of inadvertent omission in bringing the Identity Card while coming to the Office, the Staff Members shall furnish their name, designation and section to the Security Personnel and shall mark their bio-metric attendance in the thumb-reader installed beside the Entry -1 and henceforth such entry shall be restricted to be only through Entry No.1 (Near SBI).

**8)** All other Stakeholders, including Government officials, except litigants / other visitors shall wear their ID cards or shall be in proper Uniform while entering the High Court

**9)** Issuance of pass to outsiders will be restricted to the maximum extent possible. In the case of litigants/party-in-person, persons accompanying the parties shall not be allowed to enter the High Court, except when it is warranted by special circumstances.

**10)** The Dy. SP (Security), High Court is at liberty to take legal action as per law against persons who are not abiding with the security instructions and using force against the Security Personnel.

(By Order)

P Krishna Kumar  
REGISTRAR GENERAL

To:- The Advocate-General, Ernakulam

The Director General of Prosecutions & Public Prosecutor,  
Ernakulam.

The Additional Advocates-General, Ernakulam.

The Additional Director General of Prosecutions, Ernakulam.

The President, Kerala High Court Advocates' Association,  
Ernakulam.

The Vice-Presidents, Kerala High Court Advocates'  
Association, Ernakulam

The State Attorney, Advocate General's Office, Ernakulam

The Senior Standing Counsel, Govt. of India (Taxes), Ernakulam.

The Deputy Solicitor General of India, Ernakulam.

The Secretary, Kerala High Court Advocates' Association,  
Ernakulam.

The General Secretary, Kerala High Court Senior Advocates'  
Association, Ernakulam.

The Secretary, Bar Council, Ernakulam.

The Secretary, Rule Committee under Section 123 C.P.C.

The Member Secretary, KeLSA, Ernakulam.

The Director, Kerala State Mediation & Conciliation  
Centre, Ernakulam.

The Director, ADR Centre, Ernakulam.

The Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee, Ernakulam.

The Secretary, Kerala High Court Advocates' Clerks' Association.

The Director of the Kerala Judicial Academy, Athani.

The Additional Director of the Kerala Judicial Academy, Athani.

The Joint Registrars and the Deputy Director (IT), High Court.

The Deputy Registrars, High Court.

The Deputy Director, Kerala Judicial Academy, Athani.

The Private Secretary to the Chief Justice, High Court.

The Protocol Officer, High Court.

The Public Relations Officer, High Court.

The Finance Officer, High Court.

The Assistant Director, Kerala Judicial Academy, Athani.

The Assistant Registrar in charge of Court Officers

Section, High Court.

The Assistant Registrars and the Chief Librarian, High Court.

The Court Officer to the Chief Justice, High Court.

The Additional Public Relations Officer, High Court.

The Librarian, Kerala Judicial Academy, Athani.

The Personal Assistant to the Chief Justice, High Court

The Private Secretaries to the Judges, High Court.

The Accounts Officers, High Court (2).

The Court Managers, High Court.

The Dy. SP (Security), High Court.

The Assistant Engineer, High Court.

The Superintendent (Vehicles), High Court.

The Confidential Assistants to the Registrars, and

the Additional Registrar (General Administration), High Court.

The Court Officers' Section, High Court.

The PRO Section, High Court (the Section shall take necessary  
steps to display the Notice at all entrances of  
the High Court building)

All Sections, High Court.

The Notice Board, High Court

The Admn. Records Section, High Court

The File / Stock File.

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**The Honourable the Chief Justice and the Honourable Judges**