

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**  
**LAW (INSPECTION WING ) DEPARTMENT**

No. 11367-A/B3/99/Law

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 9-7-1999

**C I R C U L A R**

Sub:- Delay in complying Court Directions in time - Contempt of court cases - further instructions regarding

It has come to the notice of Government that delay in complying with court directions resulted in contempt petitions and in certain cases court directs to the chief secretary and Secretaries to Government for personal appearance before the Court. Since such instances badly reflect on the Government, the following instructions are issued to all Departments for strict compliance.

Whenever courts fix time for carrying out or complying with any direction, the officers concerned should take all steps to ensure that the orders/ directions are complied with within the time granted. If for any reason it is not possible to comply with the directions in within the granted, it would be know to the office concerned fairly in advance. Under such circumstances competent officials should be deputed to the office of the Advocate General at least a week before the time granted expires, with details and cogent reasons necessitating extension of time, It should be noted that of extension of time is not is not a matter of course and unless the court is satisfied about the reasons for non- compliance within the time originally granted, the applications for extension of time run the risk of being dismissed, leading to complications and embarrassment for the Government.

In order to watch the implimentation of the court directions in every section of the office/Department a separate register should be maintained showing the following details.

- a) Number of the OP and gist of court order to be implemented in the OP.
- b) Date on receipt of the order
- c) Date on which time limit expires.
- d) Date on which petition for extension of time filed.
- e) Date on which extension of time, if any granted, expires
- f) Date on which the order of the Court implemented.

The supervisory officer designated by the Heads of office shall verify this register regularly at least once in a fortnight and shall satisfy himself that prompt action is taken with regard to the order of the court and any possibility of contempt of Court proceedings is avoided.

Failure to comply with the above instructions will be viewed seriously and the concerned officer would be liable to face contempt proceedings and other consequence.

M.MOHAN KUMAR  
CHIEF SECRETARY

Copy to all Heads of Departments and officer.

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