

Copy of U.O. No.14050/A1/66/Law dated 27th December 1966 from the Law Department, Secretariat.

Sub:- Case filing of counter Affidavits in writ petitions – Delay in sending statement of facts – Instructions – Regarding –

Ref:- 1. Law Department Circular No.13391/A1/65/Law dated 27-1-1965.  
2. Letter No.85.764/65 dated 16-12-1966 from the Advocate General.

Government have in the Circular under reference instructed all the Heads of Departments and all Departments of the Secretariat to adhere to the time schedule indicated in the circular and to supply to the office of the Advocate General with the records and statement of facts of the writ petitions promptly. The Advocate General has in his letter under reference reported that the directions in the circular are not being observed by almost all Heads of Departments and the Secretariat. It may be noted that during the current year, till date there are about 3500 writ petitions in which the State Government or the various Heads of Department respondents. Out of these the records and statement of facts in about 1965 writ petitions have not been received by the Advocate General so far. The prescribed period of three months for filing the counter affidavits has expired in about 1400 writ petitions which have been filed before September 1966.

The Departments of the Secretariat are therefore requested to issue urgent instructions to the Departments and offices under their administrative control to observe the directions contained in the Government Circular dated 27-12-1965, strictly and to forward statement of facts immediately in those cases in which they have already received notice.

K. Kunjuraman Nair,  
For Law Secretary.

Government of Kerala  
Agriculture & Rural Development Deptt.  
(Agriculture Forest Establishment)

Endt. on No.64921/FB2/66/AD dated 2-1-1967.

Copy communicated the Chief Conservator of Forests for compliance.

M.K. Bhaskaran,  
Assistant Secretary.

Endt. on G1-1651/67 dated 3-7-1967

Copy communicated to all sub offices for strict compliance. The directions contained in the Government Circular dated 27-12-1965 should be strictly observed in sending statement of facts. This is in continuation of this office endorsement on No.B3-2577/66 (L.Dis.) dated 10-2-1966.

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Copy to Stock file and Circular file.

Chief Conservator's Office,  
Trivandrum.

Sd/- For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on G1-2096/67 (L.Dis.) dated 23-2-1967.

Copy to all Sections.  
Copy to Stock file and Circular file.

For Conservator of Forests.