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Police Headquarters, Kerala  
Thiruvananthapuram-695010

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE No. 34/2018**

Sub:- **Setting up of legal cells in the districts for ensuring proper handling of court matters - Instructions issued - reg.**

Read: (1) PHQ Circular No. 38/2012 dtd 07/12/2012.  
(2) PHQ Office Order No. 169/2018 dtd 06/02/2018.

There are a large number of cases/petitions etc. are filed before various Courts, Tribunals, Commissions etc. in which the Police department is involved as a party. Affidavits, Counter affidavits or reports may be required to be filed on behalf of the Police department in those cases. Various instructions have already been issued by the Police Headquarters directing the DPCs and other Unit Heads to personally scrutinize and peruse such affidavits/reports prior to the filing of the same before the courts especially before the Hon. High Court and Hon. Supreme Court. However, it is observed that court matters are not handled with due care and promptitude, which has at times invited adverse remarks from the Courts. The failure or lapse in properly complying with the directions of the Courts may result in the Courts ordering personal appearance of senior Police officers including the State Police Chief. These undesirable situations can be averted if adequate care and attention is taken/given by the DPCs/Unit Heads with regard to Court matters.

**02.** Apart from the above, it is essential for the Police officers to keep themselves abreast of the changes that are taking place in the Law, either by Legislation or through Judicial pronouncements. The Police officers should find time to go through various Law Journals and Judgments, which are pertinent and useful for the Police work as it is well settled that ignorance of Law is not an excuse.