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Sub:- Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens – Responsibility of Police – Instruction issued – Reg.

The Government of India have promulgated the **Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007** (Central Act 56 of 2006). The Government of Kerala have notified **Kerala Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Rules 2009** so as to implement the provisions of the Act in the State. Rule 20 of the said Rules stipulate the duties of Police with regard to the protection of life and property of Senior Citizens.

In the above circumstances the following instructions are issued for the strict enforcement of the Act and Rules thereunder:-

- a) The Commissioners of Police/Superintendents of Police shall take all necessary steps, for the protection of life and property of Senior Citizens.
- b) Each Police Station shall maintain an upto date list of Senior Citizens living within its jurisdiction, especially those who are living by themselves (i.e. without there being any member in their household who is not a Senior Citizen). The aforesaid register will be called the 'Register of Senior Citizens'. It should contain details like the name of the Senior Citizen, his address, sex, his date of birth/age, telephone numbers, contact number of his immediate neighbours/relative.
- c) A representative of the Police Station, as far as possible, together with a social worker or volunteer shall visit such senior citizens at least once in a month, and shall visit them as quickly as possible on receipt of a request for assistance from them.
- d) Complaints / problems of senior citizens shall be promptly attended to by the Police.
- e) One or more Volunteers' Committee(s) shall be formed for each Police Station which shall ensure regular contact between the Senior Citizens, especially those living by themselves, on the one hand and the Police and the District Administration on the other.
- f) The Commissioner of Police or the Superintendent of Police of Districts, as the case may be, shall publish widely in the media and through the Police Station at regular intervals the steps being taken for the protection of life and property of senior citizens.

- g) Each Police Station shall maintain a separate register containing all important particulars relating to the offences committed against senior citizens, in such form as the State Government may, by order, specify. The register will be called the 'Register of Offences against Senior Citizens'. It will contain details like Serial No, Name of the complainant, Crime Number, Section of Offences, Date of the Incident, Date of Registration of Case, Name of the accused, Accused Arrested or Not and Disposal of the case.
- h) The register referred to in clause (g) shall be kept available for public inspection and every officer inspecting a Police Station shall invariably review the status as reflected in the register.
- i) The Police Station shall send a monthly report of such crimes to the District Superintendent of Police / Commissioner of Police by the 10th of every month.
- j) List of Do's and Don'ts to be followed by senior citizens in the interest of their safety will be widely publicized.
- k) Antecedents of domestic servants and others working for senior citizens shall be promptly verified, on the request of such citizens.
- l) Community policing for the security of senior citizens will be undertaken in conjunction with citizens living in the neighbourhood, Residents' Welfare Associations, Youth Volunteers, Non-Government Organisations etc.
- m) The Commissioner of Police and Superintendent of Police shall submit a Monthly report to PHQ and to the District Magistrate by the 20th of every month about the details of crimes against senior citizens during the previous month, including progress of investigation and prosecution of registered offences and preventive steps taken during the month, so as to enable PHQ to furnish a quarterly report to Government.


Director General of Police

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All Officers in list 'B' for necessary action

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