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Directorate of Industries & Commerce,
Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 23.01.2013.

CIRCULAR

Sub:- Industries-State Litigation Policy Implementation- direction issued-reg.

Ref:- 1. G.O(P)No.12/2011/Law Dated: 03.12.2011.
2. Letter No.13884/B3/12/Law Dated: 02.11.2012.
3. Circular No.HC/C3/3020/12 Dated 03.04.2012.

Government have framed State Litigation Policy as per reference read as 1st above aiming to enable Government as an efficient and responsible litigant with a view to reduce Government litigation in Courts. The average pending time of cases is envisaged to be reduced to three years. It is emphasised in the Policy that Government is not an ordinary litigant and that litigation does not have to win at any cost. It is also recognised that it is the responsibility of the Government to protect the right of citizens and to respect his fundamental rights. Government have constituted State, District and Taluk level Empowered Committee for the effective implementation of the Policy. In order to reduce the period of pendency of all cases in Court and there by check the loss to the exchequer, proper co-ordination, monitoring in progress of litigation and timely action is needed. The Law Officer of this Department has been designated as Law (Nodal) Officer under the policy for this purpose. In the said Policy duties and functions of the Law (Nodal) Officer has been mentioned also.

As per the reference read as 2nd above, Government have directed the Law (Nodal) Officer to implement the State Litigation Policy in letter and spirit for attaining the goals set forth in the said Policy and to forward a report to the Government.

As per reference read as 3rd above it, is already directed that all the sections of this office shall maintain a Suit Register in the prescribed format and shall submit for the inspection by the Law officer once in a month. A prescribed Register has been already furnished to each section by the Law Officer for the purpose. But a serious lapse has been occurred in submitting the Registers. Direction were issued to the Subordinate Offices also as per the reference 3rd cited to maintain Suit Registers in the prescribed format.

For the effective implementation of the policy, all sections are again directed to make timely updation of the Suit Registers and shall submit Suit Registers to the Law (Nodal) Officer for periodic inspection through their officers. Any laxity in following this directive will be viewed seriously.

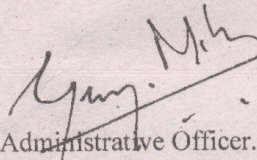
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Director of Industries and Commerce.

To

1. All Officers, Sections
2. All Districts & Taluk Offices of Industries and Commerce Department.
3. CA to Director of Industries and Commerce,
4. CA to Senior Administrative Officer.
5. Senior Finance Officer / Law Officer / Special Officer.
6. CA to Additional Director of Industries and Commerce (G) & (T).
7. The General Manager, District Industries Centre,
8. CA to Joint Director (ID&FC), (P&M) and (TC).
9. Administrative Assistant.
10. Assistant District Industries Officer / Senior Superintendent (ID&FC)/
Deputy Registrar / Assistant Registrar / All Superintendents.
11. Stock File / Spare.

Forwarded / By order,


Senior Administrative Officer.