Government of Tripura
Office of the Director General of Police
Tripura ::::: Agartala.
(Legal Cell)


To
The Superintendents of Police,
North / Unokoti / Dhalai / Khowai/
West / Sepahijala / Gomati and South Tripura District

The Superintendent of Police, CID/GRP/MTF
A.D Nagar, Agartala, Tripura


Please find enclosed copy of letter No. 26016/03/2017-POCSO/NCPCR(Pt File)/63733 dated 12-12-2017 of the Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Govt. of India, New Delhi regarding implementation of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence (POSCO) Act, 2012, contents of which is self explanatory.

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It is requested to circulate the above Act to the all O/C, PSS/SDPOs and other field level Officers under your jurisdiction for strict compliance. Action taken report on the matter may please be intimated to this office.

Enclo:- As stated.

(Lalhminga Darlong)
Asstt. Inspr. Genl. Of Police (Crime),
For Director General of Police.
Tripura.

Copy alongwith its enclosures to:

(i) The Inspr. Genl. of Police (L/O), Tripura, Agartala for information please.
(ii) The DIG of Police, (S/R), Tripura, Agartala for information please.
(iii) The DIG of Police,(N/R), Tripura, Kumarghat for information please.
(iv) The Principal, PTA, Tripura for information and necessary action please.
(v) The I/C, E-Governance Cell, PHQ for uploading the same in the Tripura Police Website.

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For Director General of Police.
Tripura.
To
Director General of Police
All States/Union Territories

Subject: Implementation of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012-regarding

Sir,

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3. The Commission has received several complaints that those persons or authorities who comply with the above provisions of the POCSO Act and inform the police about such offence are being harassed and in some cases being forced to leave their jobs due to such harassment.

4. It is requested that necessary directions may please be issued to all concerned to ensure that complainants of child sexual abuse should not be harassed as it would amount violation of provisions of the POCSO Act, 2012. Your field units may kindly be sensitized in this regard.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

(Stuti Kacker)
Chairperson

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