



THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA

No: R-10/2020(SS)

Kochi - 682 031
Date – 04.05.2020

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

Sub: Extension of general lock down - Functioning of Courts - Reg.

- Ref: 1. Official Memorandum of even number dated 18.04.2020.
2. Official Memorandum of even number dated 23.04.2020.
3. Official Memorandum of even number dated 24.04.2020.
4. G.O.(Ms) No.85/2020/GAD dated 04/05/2020.
5. Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-1(A) dated 01.05.2020 of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India as per the order cited fifth has extended the regulations, in the form of general lock down, for two more weeks from 04.05.2020, as a measure to contain the spread of COVID-19 Pandemic. As per the G.O. cited fourth, the State Government has issued guidelines for functioning of various institutions, including public offices in the State of Kerala, during the extended period of lock down.

Hence, in modification of the directions in the Official Memoranda referred to second and third above, it is directed that all the Courts in the District Judiciary in the State, except in Red Zones and Hotspots, shall from 04.05.2020 onwards function, and the officers and staff shall attend to duty as regulated in the G.O. cited fourth. In Red Zones, courts shall function with minimum staff. In Hotspots, courts need not function.

Sitting in Courts may be regulated as directed in the O.M cited first. The Courts in Red Zones and Hotspots will continue to follow the existing arrangements for hearing of cases in such area/zone.

All heads of office shall ensure that National Directives for Covid-19 Management issued by the Government of India are strictly complied with by all concerned.

(By order)


K. Haripal,
Registrar General

To

All the District Judges.
All the Chief Judicial Magistrates.