PRL. DISTRICT COURT :: ONGOLE :: PRAKASAM DISTRICT

CIRCULAR

Dated:05-01-2026.

Sub:- LEAVES – Frequent availing of leaves/public holidays by the Judicial Officers – Certain Instructions – Reiterated.

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The attention of all the Judicial Officers is invited in the subject matter, that most of the Judicial Officers in the Unit are availing Leaves/ Public holidays in huge period frequently, on one pretext or the other and also availing Casual Leaves/ Optional Holidays by prefixing/ suffixing with Public Holidays continuously which practice is highly deprecated by the Hon'ble High Court.

The Hon'ble High Court issued umpteen instructions to the Judicial Officers from time to time in the matter and vehemently expressed their anguish in some occasions over the issue of availing frequent leaves/public holidays by the Judicial Officers as a matter of right and instructed the Prl. District Judges from time to time not to allow the Judicial Officers to go on leave frequently without justifiable reasons.

Needless to say that on Judicial working days; litigant public, advocates, police personnel, witnesses and other Officials attend to Courts, even from a far away distance, and the absence of a Judicial Officer will cause great hardship and inconvenience to them. Unless under the circumstances beyond the control of the Judicial Officer; he/she is not expected to proceed on leave abruptly without keeping in mind about the consequences of his/her leave and the difficulty of other personnel connected with Judiciary and there is no justification for a person, who is attending the Court, only to know that the Presiding Judge is on leave.

It is also the most irksome situation, while making in-charage arrangements to the Judicial Officers who are applying continuous leave including public holidays. The officers who gave consent to act as incharge to those officers in the Station/ nearby Stations are also sending their leave applications in the same period. One officer must be available in the station/ nearby station while other officer is on leave. Further, It is also facing very difficulty in attending Protocols. The officer who gave consent to the other officer to act as in-charge must be in writing and also he/she should not apply leave in the same period.

Therefore, all the Judicial Officers in the District are instructed to be vigilant on their abrupt proceeding on any kind of leave, and they are requested to strictly avoid such practice, particularly on Judicial working days, unless some urgent circumstances warranted doing so. Otherwise, as far as practicable, their application of leave must be well in advance not only to make necessary in-charge arrangements but also to avoid inconvenience and hardship to the litigant public and other fraternity.

Strict adherence to the instructions is invited from the end of all the Judicial Officers.

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FAC. PRL.DISTRICT JUDGE,
PRAKASAM AT ONGOLE.

To

All the Judicial Officers in the Unit.
The Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Ongole.

Copy to:- The Hon'ble Registrar (Vigilance), Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Amaravati, for information.