



**THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA**

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**OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM**

**Sub:-** Introduction of mandatory e-Payment in the District Judiciary for main case filing as well as while remitting balance Court Fees - reg

**Ref:-** This Office OM of even number dated 15-09-2023

As per the OM referred to above, the High Court has introduced e-Payment of Court Fees in the District Judiciary for Bail Applications (fresh) filed before the District and Sessions Courts as well as for the Interlocutory Applications (IA) filed before the Civil Courts and Criminal Miscellaneous Petitions (CMP) filed before the Criminal Courts, on optional basis through wallet facility with effect from 25.09.2023.

In continuation of the same, now e-Payment facility for Legal Benefit Fund, Advocate's Welfare Fund and Advocates' Clerk's Welfare Fund is enabled in eFiling Version 3.0 portal. Advocates/ Party-in-Persons can make Court Fee (Court Fee + Legal Benefit Fund + Advocate's Welfare Fund + Advocates' Clerk's Welfare Fund) payments on freshly filed cases as well as existing cases **using ePayment facility available in eFiling 3.0 portal**. It is also informed that at present, in eFiling 3.0 portal, Advocate can make part payments on a case, provided that the previous fees paid on the same case is accepted/rejected from CIS in the respective court.

Accordingly, the High Court has decided to implement mandatory e-Payment in the District Judiciary for main case filing as well as while remitting balance Court Fees.

Hence, all the District Judges are requested to take steps to implement mandatory e-Payment for main case filing as well as while remitting balance Court Fees in the Courts under the respective jurisdiction with effect from **02.05.2024** and to intimate all the stakeholders to make use of **e-Payment facility available in the e-Filing portal only** for remitting payments.

However, the e-Payment of Court Fees for Interlocutory Applications (IA) filed before

the Civil Courts and Criminal Miscellaneous Petitions (CMP) filed before the Criminal Courts shall be optional, as before.

The District Judges are also requested to take steps to convey the above information to the office bearers of all the Bar Associations/ Clerk Associations and other stakeholders including Judicial Officers/Staff in all the Courts in the respective Jurisdiction, well in advance.

(By Order)



Jobin Sebastian  
REGISTRAR (DISTRICT JUDICIARY)

- To:-
1. All the District Judges (District Judges are requested to bring the content of the OM to the notice of all the Judicial Officers under the respective jurisdiction).
  2. All the Chief Judicial Magistrates
- Copy to:-
1. All the Courts in the District Judiciary
  2. All the Nodal Officers and Judicial officers of the e-Cell
  3. The Senior Director(IT), NIC, High Court Unit
  4. The Secretary, Rule Committee, High Court
  5. The D-I; D-II, E & Finance Wing, High Court
  6. All the DSAs & ZOs
  7. The Administrative Record Section, High Court