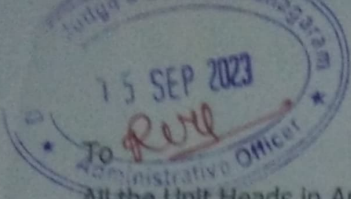


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ROC No. 546/SO/2023

Dated 14.09.2023

All the Unit Heads in Andhra Pradesh.

Sir/Madam,

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Sub: High Court of Andhra Pradesh – Expeditious disposal of cases related to rape and POCSO Act cases, by Fast Track Special Courts – Forwarding the letter dated 31.08.2023 of Government of India for taking necessary action - Reg.

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Ref: Letter dated 31.08.2023 of the Joint Secretary to Government of India, Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, along with enclosure.

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Adverting to the subject and reference cited, as directed, while forwarding the letter dated 31.08.2023 of the Joint Secretary to Government of India, Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, you are requested to direct the Presiding Officers of regular POCSO Courts and FTSCs, to ensure compliance of amendment to Section 309 of CrPC for completion of trails related to rape and POCSO Act cases within a span of 2 months from the date of filing charge sheet.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter fervently anticipating adherence to the amendment.

Yours sincerely,

*Y. Lakshmana Rao*  
14/9/2023  
REGISTRAR GENERAL

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District Court, Vizianagaram,  
Date: 20.09.2023.

Copy communicated to all the Judicial Officers in the District with a request to download the copy of ROC No.546/SO/2023 dt.24.09.2023 of the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravathi from [districts.ecourts.gov.in/vizianagaram](http://districts.ecourts.gov.in/vizianagaram), for information.

Copy communicated to Senior Superintendents (HC, CN), Superintendents (CS, RK, Translator), District Court, Vizianagaram.

Copy communicated to System officer, Ecourt Project, Dist. court, Vizianagaram with a direction to upload the above ROC in Dist. Court website.

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*[Signature]*  
Pr. District Judge, Vzm.

*[Signature]*  
23.09.23



Government of India  
Ministry of Law & Justice  
(Department of Justice)

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New Delhi-110011.

Dated: the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023

To

Registrar General of High Courts- (As per list enclosed)

**Subject: Expediting Disposal of Cases under Fast Track Special Courts**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to draw your kind attention to a matter of utmost importance namely expeditious disposal of rape and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 cases.

2. As you are very well aware, the Department of Justice initiated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) in October 2019, in accordance with the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018. The primary objective of this Scheme was to establish Fast-Track Special Courts (FTSCs) to ensure swift resolution of cases related to rape and the POCSO Act. The initial vision encompassed setting up of 1023 FTSCs, including 389 exclusive POCSO Courts, based on the prevailing caseload, which stood at 1.67 lakh cases as of March 31, 2018. The Scheme was intended initially for a period of one year spread over two Financial Years 2019-20 and 2020-21 and was extended for two more years i.e. up to March 2023. Further extension of the Scheme is at an advanced stage and is awaiting approval of the Cabinet.
3. It is heartening to note that substantial progress has been made in the disposal of cases since the inception of the Scheme. As of 31.07.2023, a total of 754 FTSCs, including 411 exclusive POCSO Courts, have been established and operationalized across 29 States/Union Territories. These courts have disposed of 1,80,294 cases, thereby contributing significantly to the cause of justice.
4. However, an analysis of the ongoing situation reveals a persistent challenge. It has been noticed that approximately 6500 cases are registered each month, while the disposal rate hovers around 5,000 to 6,000 cases. Consequently, the backlog of pending cases continues to grow. As of July 2023, the combined pendency of rape and POCSO Act cases across all the courts in the country stands at a staggering figure of over 4,98,000 cases. This warrants immediate attention and quick action.



**STATE-WISE STATUS OF TOTAL CASES REGISTERED UNDER FTSCs AND  
TOTAL DISPOSAL WITHIN 2 MONTHS**

(ANALYSIS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JULY, 2023)

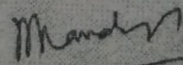
Sl. No.	States/UTs	Total new Registered Cases (January-July 2023)	Total Disposal (January-July 2023)	Total disposal within 2 months (January-July 2023)
1	Assam	2276	1275	325
2	Andhra Pradesh	1581	1344	272
3	Jharkhand	1370	1393	137
4	Goa	2	9	1
5	Tamil Nadu	1722	1071	102
6	Odisha	2110	2142	84
7	Bihar	3643	2824	182
8	Kerala	4375	4193	287
9	Rajasthan	2132	2157	64
10	Maharashtra	1848	5346	75
11	Madhya Pradesh	3292	4647	167
12	Punjab	517	783	31
13	Chhattisgarh	649	838	16
14	Chandigarh	151	69	1
15	Karnataka	1859	2169	51
16	Haryana	1034	1143	24
17	Gujarat	2758	2770	48
18	Himachal Pradesh	133	141	0
19	Uttarakhand	183	226	2
20	Uttar Pradesh	11139	6299	48
21	Telangana	1493	975	3
22	Delhi	565	396	0
23	J&K	20	18	0
24	Manipur	4	21	0
25	Meghalaya	90	65	1
26	Mizoram	54	29	0
27	Nagaland	3	1	1
28	Tripura	48	88	0
29	Puducherry	20	14	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>45071</b>	<b>42446</b>	<b>1925</b>



5. Given the paramount importance of ensuring the safety and security of women and children in our society, it is imperative that the FTSCs operate with optimal efficiency. In the light of this, I humbly request your personal intervention in the following matters:

- I. In order to address the challenge of the mounting backlog of pending cases as well as expeditious resolution of new cases being filed, I solicit your kind support in providing necessary instructions and resources to the concerned courts. Additionally, I request the establishment of a robust monitoring mechanism by the High Courts to ensure time-bound disposal of cases by the FTSCs.
  - II. It may be emphasized that the recent amendment to Section 309 of the CrPC stipulates the completion of trials related to rape and child rape offences within a span of two months from the date of filing of the charge sheet. It may be noted that as per the data submitted by the High Courts on the dashboard of the Department for the period 01.01.2023 to 31.07.2023, only 4.53% of the total cases disposed of, have been disposed of within 2 months (State-wise details are placed at **Annexure-I**). In view of the above, I request your kind cooperation in ensuring compliance of the said amendment, which will go a long way in expediting the delivery of justice.
6. I wish to reiterate that the Department of Justice, Government of India, stands firmly committed to supporting all the States/UTs in achieving our shared objective of expeditious and equitable justice delivery to all the citizens of our country. The safety and well-being of our women and children are of paramount importance. I am confident that your concerted efforts will definitely help in lessening the burden of pending cases and foster a more just society.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Pravash Prashun Pandey) 1/09

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India

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