



**THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA**

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**HCKL/5730/2023-DI-3**

**OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM**

Sub:- Dress Code of Advocates - Non compliance by some advocates - Reg.

Ref:- 1)Letter No.KBC/HC/1511/2023 dated 05-07-2023 from the Honorary Secretary, Bar Council of Kerala.

2)Rules framed by the Bar Council of India under section 49(1)(gg) of the Advocates' Act,1961 regarding dress of advocates.

3)Rule 12 of the Rules framed by the High Court regarding the condition subject to which an Advocate shall be permitted to Practice in the High Court and Subordinate Courts.

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The Honorary Secretary, Bar Council of Kerala by letter cited 1st above, brought to the notice of this court that some of the Advocates are not strictly following the Dress Code while appearing before the Courts. Rules cited 2nd and 3rd above prescribes specific dress code for advocates appearing before the courts. Hence, the Principal District Judges are directed to ensure that the Advocates appearing before their jurisdictional courts are properly dressed as prescribed in the Rules mentioned above. If any Advocate fails to follow the prescribed Dress Code, the same shall be viewed seriously and appropriate action may be taken.

The Principal District Judges shall also bring this OM to the notice of the Advocates' Association in their respective Judicial District.

(By Order)

P.J.Vincent  
Registrar (District Judiciary)

To:-

All Principal District Judges in the State and District Judge, Kavaratti.  
(They shall forward it to all judicial officers in their respective judicial district forthwith for strict compliance)  
Administrative Record Section.  
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Copy to:-

Honorary Secretary, Bar Council of Kerala ( with C/L)