



THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA

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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Service of summons/ notice through registered post/ speed post in the civil courts in the district judiciary- reg.

Rule 9(3) of Order V of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, stipulates that the service of summons may be made, among other means, by delivering or transmitting a copy thereof by registered post acknowledgment due, addressed to the defendant or his agent empowered to accept the service or by speed post.

Proviso to the said rule clarifies that the service of summons under this sub-rule shall be made at the expenses of the plaintiff.

In view of the above rule and to ensure the service of summons/ notices in a better manner, the High Court of Kerala hereby notifies that the civil courts in the District Judiciary shall send summons/ notice in suits/ appeals in the first instance through registered post/ speed post acknowledgement due, wherever it is found possible. In the case of emergent proceedings and where the court deems it appropriate, the summons can be served as prescribed under rule 9(1) of Order V of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Consequently, the party presenting a plaint or memorandum of appeal on or after 1-3-2024 shall also file in court sufficiently stamped envelopes along with the process memo for sending the summons/ notice to the defendant/ respondent through Registered post/ speed post acknowledgement due.

(By order)

P. Krishna Kumar
Registrar General

To

All Principal District Judges in the State

(They shall communicate a copy to all the civil courts and all the Bar Associations in the District)

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The Director, Kerala Judicial Academy, Athani

The Secretary, the Kerala High Court Advocates Association,
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