



**CIRCULAR**

Sub: High Court, Madras - Order passed in Crl.M.P.No.4075 of 2023 in Crl.A.No.584 of 2016, dated 29.09.2023 - To formulate rules and standard operating procedures with regard to printing the name of the victim in the cause title to display in the on-line cause list and victim's right of being heard in Criminal proceedings as stated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India – As directed, the subject was placed before the Hon'ble Rule Committee (Criminal) – Resolution passed - Circular issued.

Ref: Order passed in Crl.M.P.No.4075 of 2023 in Crl.A.No.584 of 2016, dated 29.09.2023

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The Hon'ble Rule Committee (Criminal), High Court Madras, upon considering the order passed in Crl.M.P.No.4075 of 2023 in Crl.A.No.584 of 2016 dated 29.09.2023 has issued the following directions:-

- (i) The Metropolitan and Judicial Magistrates are directed to redact the name and other identities including addresses, the date of birth, names of the town/villages, the names of the school and every other details which would disclose the identity of the child including signatures of the victim child, in POCSO cases, whenever copies of statements recorded under Section 164(5) Cr.P.C., are forwarded to the Investigating Agency / Public Prosecutor and other Officials.
- (ii) The original statement to be retained in a sealed cover and filed and later forwarded to the jurisdictional Magistrate Court/Sessions Court where trial would take place. It must be ensured that the names and other identities of the victim child are redacted completely.

- (iii) The prosecuting agency and the Investigating Officer should take note of Section 24(5) of the POCSO Act 2012 which places a mandate that the police officer shall ensure that the identity of the child is protected from the public medium.

**HIGH COURT, MADRAS**

**DATED: 08.05.2024**

  
**REGISTRAR GENERAL**

**To**

1. All the Principal District Judges/District Judges in the State of Tamil Nadu. } With a request }to communicate
2. The Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai. }the Circular to all the }Courts/Tribunals
3. The Chief Judge, Court of Small Causes, Chennai. }under }your }Jurisdiction.
4. The Chief Judge, Puducherry. }
5. The District Judge-cum-Chief Judicial Magistrate, The Nilgiris. }
6. The Director, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, R.A.Puram, Chennai-28. (with a request to communicate to the Regional Centres, at Madurai and Coimbatore).
7. The Court Manager, High Court, Madras (with a request to communicate the Circular to all the Court Managers in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, through e-mode.)
8. The Section Officer, "F" Section, Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court, Madurai.
9. The Record Keeper, A.D.Records, High Court, Madras & Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court, Madurai.

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1. **The Director General of Police,** } with a request to bring the } notice of the circular to all } the investigating officer. }  
No.601, Dr.Radhakrishnan Salai, }  
Mylapore, }  
Chennai-600 004. }