MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 07.04 .2025 IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, SIVASAGAR, IN COMPLIANCE OF HON'BLE GAUHATI HIGH COURT'S ORDER DATED 05.08.2013 AND 10.01.2014 PASSED IN WP(C) (TAKEN UP) NO. 4299/2006 AND A.B NO. 5537/2013 RESPECTIVELY

AGENDA

Item No.1 :Matter relating to strengthening of monitoring mechanism for expeditious investigation and trial of cases.

Resolution: The District and Sessions Judge, Sivasagar, at the outset, welcomed all the members of the committee.

Initiating the discussion, the District and Sessions Judge, Sivasagar apprised all the members of the Committee that vide Notification No. 41, the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court had directed the expeditious disposal of targeted old pending cases by June 2025. District Judge, Sivasagar also brought to the attention of the meeting that in some old pending cases, securing presence of the I/Os have become very difficult. The District and Sessions Judge, Sivasagar informed the meeting that one Jyoti Bodo (I/O) and Simanta Bora's presence is required in some old pending cases.

As part of the regular exercise, Learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sivasagar handed over an updated list of witnesses (I.O.s) to the SP, Sivasagar and Addl. SP (Crime), Sivasagar for securing their presence in the Courts.

SP, Sivasagar assured that all possible steps will be taken at their end to bring the I/Os as per list and as informed, to meet the requirement of Notification No. 41 of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court.

Item No.2 : Matter relating to communication of ground of arrest to accused person.

Resolution: The District and Sessions Judge, Sivasagar, informed that communication of grounds of arrest to accused persons is a bounded duty which has not been done in many cases. Distinguishing between reasons of arrest and grounds of arrest, the District Judge, Sivasagar informed that failure to communicate the grounds of arrest in writing would amount to violation of constitutional rights of the arrestee and stressed on written communication of the ground of arrest to the arrestee. It is pointed out that the arrestee as well as the relatives of the accused are to be informed about the reasons as well as ground of arrest.

SP, Sivasagar assured that the I/Os would be briefed in this regard and compliance of the same would be done.

Item No.3 : Need for proper documentation in NDPS cases:

The District and Sessions Judge, Sivasagar informed the SP, Sivasagar that the checklist provided for NDPS cases is to be followed strictly and asked the SP, Sivasagar to circulate the same among all concerned for ensuring that checklist is completed at the time of submission of report in final form proper in NDPS cases.

Item No.4 : Other issues.

The District and Sessions Judge, Sivasagar further informed the SP, Sivasagar that in the last JJB stakeholders meeting, a concern was raised about insensitive handling of POCSO cases in some Police stations at Sivasagar.

Also, Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, POCSO, Sivasagar brought to the notice of the meeting that at times, cases involving children and women have not been handled with necessary promptness in some police stations as reported in the JJB stakeholders meeting. The Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, POCSO, Sivasagar further informed that support persons are also not endorsed in some cases.

In this regard, the SP, Sivasagar informed that CWC has failed to provide the required support persons in some cases.

It is accordingly resolved that CWC, Sivasagar be informed to take up the matter of endorsement of support persons in all POCSO matters diligently. Further, the District and Sessions Judge, Sivasagar, in this context, required the training of support persons so that they know their roles properly.

SP, Sivasagar assured to look into the matter of concern raised and also assured that I/Os would be asked to show sensitivity in dealing with POCSO matters, children matters etc.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from and to the chair.

District & Sessions Judge,
Sivasagar

For **District Commissioner,**
Sivasagar

Addl. District & Sessions Judge, FTC
Sivasagar

Special Invitee
Addl. Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, POCSO
Sivasagar

For **Chief Judicial Magistrate,**
Sivasagar

Superintendent of Police,
Sivasagar

Addl. **Superintendent of Police, (Crime)**
Sivasagar