

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Home Department – Police – Forensic Science Laboratory – NDPS cases – Temporary diversion of NDPS cases (except ganja samples) from Thrissur Range to the Chemistry Division of FSL, Thiruvananthapuram, for chemical examination for one year with effect from 01.01.2026 – Sanction accorded – Orders issued.

HOME (D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.45/2026/HOME Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 05-01-2026

Read 1 G.O.(Rt) No.2193/2022/Home dated 06.08.2022

2 Letter No.B1-11275/2023/FSL dated 17-11-2025 from the
Director, State Forensic Science Laboratory

3 Letter No.S4(a)-109685/2025/PHQ dated 10-12-2025 from
the State Police Chief

ORDER

Government have issued guidelines as per order read as 1st paper above specifying the scope of analysis to be undertaken at each Division of the District Forensic Science Laboratories. As per the said order, the Chemistry Divisions of the DFSLs are presently conducting examinations for alkaloids such as Ganja and Nicotine in connection with cases registered under the NDPS Act.

The State Police Chief as per letter read as 3rd paper above has reported that a large number of NDPS cases are presently pending examination at the Regional Forensic Science Laboratory, Thrissur, and that the existing manpower of the unit is inadequate when compared to the State Forensic Science Laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram. Owing to the manpower constraints, delays in the timely examination of NDPS

case samples are anticipated. Hence the State Police Chief has requested to issue orders to forward all narcotic cases—except Ganja samples—registered in districts, under the Thrissur Range to the Chemistry Division, FSL, Thiruvananthapuram, for a period of one year with effect from 01.01.2026, so as to ensure timely completion of chemical examinations and avoid pendency.

Government have examined the matter in detail and observed that, as a temporary measure, diversion of NDPS cases is necessary to ensure timely disposal and to avoid accumulation of pendency. In the circumstances, Government are pleased to accord sanction to forward all narcotic (NDPS) cases, except Ganja samples, registered in districts under the Thrissur Range, to the Chemistry Division of the Forensic Science Laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram, for chemical examination and reporting, **for a period of one year with effect from 01.01.2026**, as a temporary measure to ensure timely disposal of NDPS cases and to avoid accumulation of pendency.

The State Police Chief and the Director, State Forensic Science Laboratory shall take further necessary action to implement the above orders forthwith, in accordance with the existing guidelines and subject to obtaining permission of the concerned courts wherever required.

(By order of the Governor)

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The State Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director, Forensic Science Laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Accountant General, A&E, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
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