



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Home Department - Authorization of officers to issue the 'reasoned intimation' under Section 69A of the IT Act - Sanction accorded - Orders issued

HOME (M) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1196/2026/HOME Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 28-03-2026

Read 1 Gazette Notification No.G.S.R.775(E) dated 22.10.2025, issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, New Delhi

2 Letter No.S2-214695/2025/PHQ dated 02.12.2025 & 16.02.2026 from State Police Chief, Kerala.

ORDER

The Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules,2021, as amended by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) vide Gazette Notification read above, substitute Clause (d) of Sub-rule (1) of Rule 3, significantly modifying the conditions under which an intermediary must act upon a Governmental request. The substituted Rule 3(1)(d) specifies that actual knowledge shall arise only in the following manner:

- (i) by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or
- (ii) a reasoned intimation, in writing, from an authorized officer

2. The Gazette notification stipulates a mandatory condition for the issuance of such reasoned intimation by the Police administration, providing that the authorized officer shall not be below the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police specially authorized by the appropriate Government in this behalf.

3. In such circumstances, the State Police Chief, vide letter read as 2nd paper above, has submitted a proposal before the Government requesting that officers not below the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police be formally authorized to issue such "reasoned intimation" under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, so as to

ensure effective, timely and legally compliant enforcement actions in matters concerning public safety, public order, and national security.

4. Government, in light of the amendments to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, are pleased to authorize the following officers, not below the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), to issue the 'reasoned intimation' under Section 69A of the IT Act.

Sl.No.	Designated Officer/Designation	Jurisdiction/Scope of Authorization
1.	Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG)	All Ranges/Administrative Units falling under their command.
2.	Commissioner of Police (holding rank of DIG or above)	Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Kozhikode City Police Districts.
3.	Inspector General of Police, Cyber Operations	State-wide, for matters falling within the specialized unit's remit.
4.	Deputy Inspector General of Police, Intelligence	State-wide, for matters relating to Intelligence and State Security.
5.	All Officers of the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) and above	All officers in the regular hierarchy and line of duty who are in charge of a range, zone or specialized unit related to cyber law enforcement, public order or State security.

(By order of the Governor)

BISHWANATH SINHA

ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

To:

1.The Joint Secretary, Cyber Laws, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, New Delhi.

- 2.The State Police Chief, Kerala
- 3.Officers concerned (Through the State Police Chief, Kerala)
- 4.Electronics&Information Technology Department, Govt.Secretariat,
Thiruvananthapuram
- 5.I&PRD (Web and New Media)
- 6.Stock File/Office Copy.

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Section Officer